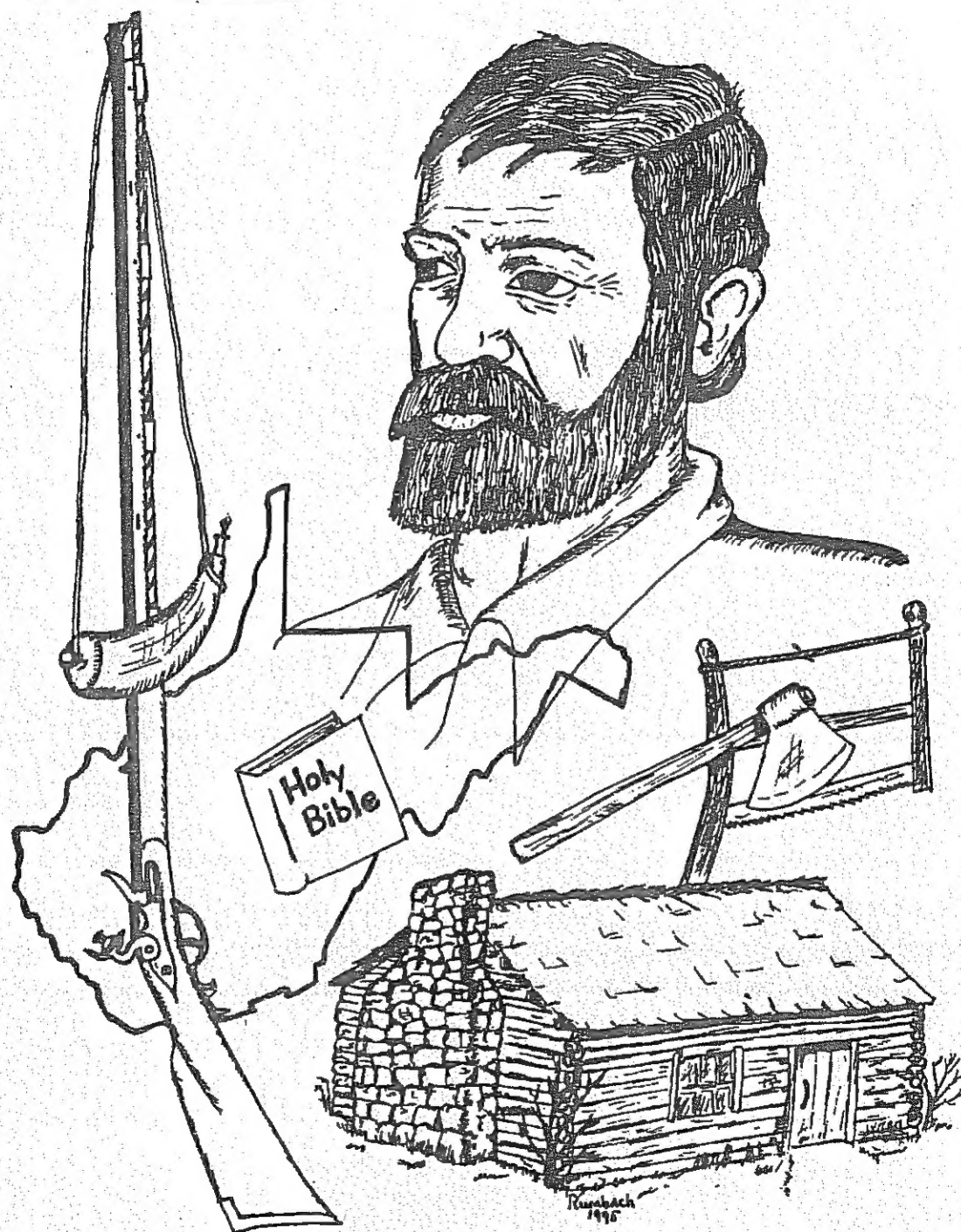


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## jots from joy

Dear Cousins and Friends:

As another fiscal year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on our achievements of the past year and set goals for the next one.

The highlight of this year has to be the rapid pace with which HCPD and our members are moving in the electronic media. We acquired our first two computers in 1992 through a generous donation from Chester Steyer of Keyser, West Virginia. Two years ago, we purchased another. This year, we had two more donated as an anonymous gift with our only cost on them being the addition of some additional memory and a CD-Rom. To our anonymous donor, we say, "Thank you."

At the same time, the number of computer users in our membership is surging forward. When Okey Corley conducted the computer survey in December, only about one hundred persons responded that they were using computers and, of those, only a dozen or so indicated that they were "on line." In January, we established an electronic mailing list and created a web page. Today we have over a hundred on the mailing list and our web page has had over eleven thousand visitors. The electronic revolution has also helped with our growth. Since August 1, forty-three new members have been added to our rolls for next year. I contribute this directly to our on-line presence.

Our goals in this area for next year: 1) the purchase of a new large computer for office use which will include a color flat-bed scanner, writable CD-ROM, and mega mega memory; 2) on-line access for library patrons.

In 1992 Chuck and I wrote and HCPD published A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia. Only thirty or so copies remain from the second printing. At present, there are no plans for a third printing. Should you desire a copy of the book, there's no more time to

wait. We expect them to be gone before Christmas. However, a new biographical History Book Committee at HCPD is working on the publication of Lewis County, West Virginia: Her People and Places, a heritage-type book with thumbnail sketches of families. Details were included in the last issue of Up the Creek. A public press announcement and kick-off party will be held October 30. Brochures will be mailed to everyone in November. Our goal: to have all our stories collected and be in the design and proofing stage by this time next year. We MUST HAVE EVERYTHING COMPLETED (proofed and all) by February 1, 1998, if we are to have the book in our hands by August 1, 1998, in time for the 16th Annual Gathering. To make it happen, we need your stories, photos, and cooperation.

In the early summer, we learned that we were successful with our request for a grant of \$1500 from Wes-Mon-Ty Resource, Conservation, and Development Board to purchase an outbuilding and build more shelving for the library. Although the money will not be received until October, the executive committee committed itself to proceeding with the project. After checking and comparing prices from West Virginia dealers, Dick Taylor and some friends in Clarksburg arranged for the purchase of a building that met our specifications from Millersburg, Ohio; they took a large flatbed trailer there and picked it up. All delivery costs were donated. We thank Wes-Mon-Ty, Dick Taylor, and everyone for making this happen.

With the building in place, it was possible to rearrange the library and make more space. Anything that could be stored outside was moved to the building. Our president, Chuck Gilchrist, who prints all of our publications, moved his printing operation to the back room and his former location, the middle room where the furnace is located, was converted to a research area, Irma's office space, and computer area. Irma's former office was converted to a gift shop called John Sleeth's Trading Post and a microfilm-microfiche reading room.

Much of this work was done by Raymond and Bonnie Ware of Newell, Alabama. They arrived on July 28 and parked their camper in the library yard. On July 29, they went to work. By the time they left on September 6, we had newly painted walls in the printing room and the new research area, carpeting in both places (donated by a local business who asked to remain anonymous), five sets of shelving, landscaping in two flower beds, and much more.

In addition, they had the library open for business before nine o'clock each morning. This was especially appreciated by our out-of-state visitors who



could get in some extra research time. More than once I arrived at 9:30 to find that Bonnie had sold fifty or a hundred dollars worth of books. Good going, Bonnie!

Last spring we purchased the IGI for the United States from the Mormons. We had a microfiche reader but it didn't perform well. As luck would have it, while we were waiting on the fiche to arrive, Barbara Harvey asked if we needed a reader. She had one - and some fiche - that she would donate. Of course we said yes. Then, along came \_\_\_\_\_ (oh my, I forget who it was but if you'll let me know who you were I'll include it in my next letter) who donated another reader. Our only problem - neither reader has photocopying capabilities. Goal: to acquire a fiche reader with photocopying capabilities.

We also have many rolls of microfilm - some of it donated, some of it purchased by us. We have a microfilm reader but it is in poor condition. It's one that I bought ten years ago from the Coshocton Public Library for \$10. (They gave up on it, but I didn't.) Betty Marsh is donating one that Bill used to do the 1880 census; Chuck and I are going to Louisiana in January to get it and numerous reference books that she is also giving us. However, we still need a microfilm reader with photocopying capabilities. Goal: to acquire a microfilm reader with photocopying capabilities.

Our solution to the two reader problems: establish a microfilm-microfiche photocopying fund. I know that some will say, "But what good does it do me? I never get to come to the library. It's too far." Answer: it will help us help you. Each week we get twenty to thirty requests for help. Sometimes your answers could be found on our microfilm - if we could read it. Also, we have other microfilm that we could abstract which we could then publish and sell which would make the information easily accessible to you and add more funds to keep us operating. If you would like to donate to the reader fund, please indicate it when you send in your check. Remember, all donations to HCPD are tax-exempt.

Users of our facility have increased this year. Seldom does a day pass that there aren't fifteen to twenty researchers there for some part of the day. Fortunately, we have several local volunteers who dedicate a day or part of a day to helping us by waiting on patrons, accessioning collections, etc.. A special thanks goes to all who give their time to us on a regular basis. They are: Raydine Teicheira, Jeanette Bennett, Patricia Viellenave, Ashley Viellenave, Nancy Jackson, Glea Waugh, Maurice Allman, Bertha Allman, Elizabeth Reel, Cary Williams, Ruth "Noodie" Runner, Charles Gilchrist, Mary Lee Smith, Irma Curtis, Otis Lowell Reed, Dick Taylor, Mo Taylor, Betty

Nicholson, Rollie Neal and Doris Hinzman Broschius. Then there are those out in cyberspace: Phil Stackhouse, Billie Jo Runyon, Barbara Weiford, Debbie Hickman and Geneva Hilliard.

There's one more thing I need to address before I bring this rather long letter to a close - our building. When we approached the Lewis County Commission about occupying and purchasing our building, they were most receptive. They checked with some agencies in Charleston and told us and we told you that we could purchase our building outright, no strings attached, etc. We agreed on a price, we set our goals, and we moved in with the commissioners agreeing that we should do so. The commission was to have the contract written and gave the job to the county prosecuting attorney.

The attorney was involved in a couple of murder trials and didn't get around to working on it for several months. Every time we asked about it, we were told that "he's working on it." Finally, between Thanksgiving and Christmas 1995, a full year after we had approached the commission about purchasing the building, they notified us that there was a problem but didn't say what it was. Finally, their schedules and ours meshed and we met with them in January. Then we learned that they could not sell the building to us without putting it for sale on the courthouse steps; we would have to bid against others for it. However, we could lease it for \$1000/year and repairs.

I contacted our member, Margie Price, State Law Librarian, in Charleston. She confirmed that the building would have to go at auction. I asked if we could ask the legislature, then in session, to make an exception. She researched and found that there was a law that explicitly said that the legislature could not make an exception for the way county-owned property is sold.

Meanwhile, some changes occurred in the community around us. Grafton Coal is closing their operation across from us and will have that property for sale soon. Deerfield Country Club, just down the road from us, is discussing a development of 75 townhouses on the hill just north of us; and, the access road for the development is beside our building. Both of these things raise property valuations in the community and would probably place the building financially out of our reach. In addition, we've heard rumblings that there are a couple of developers in the area that would like to purchase the building.

After careful consideration by the HCPD Executive Committee ranging over several meetings and an explanation and discussion of our future at the

annual meeting, it was decided that we would continue to lease the building rather than ask for it to be placed at auction. That lease was finally signed the first week in September by our president with approval from the Executive Committee and the new Board of Directors.

Consequently, HCPD continues to look for a permanent place to stack our books that is ours and ours alone. Our shelves are getting full, but the additional shelving and recent changes make our location usable for a while longer. We don't have to panic. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors are investigating other prospects. We'll let you know when something new develops.

Meanwhile, if you hit the lottery, own a couple of acres near Weston or Jane Lew that are easily accessible, or have a sum of money that you don't know what to do with that you'd like to bequeath to HCPD, we'd like to hear from you.

One more thing - and then I'll close. We've changed office staff - again. Because of her other employment and a serious accident suffered by a friend, Michelle Messenger resigned in August. A week before the gathering we were without office staff, except for me. Patricia Viellenave and Joy Cottrill pitched in to help; then Joy agreed to stay on as our new secretary-office manager. So now we have two Joys at the library. The other Joy was born in Doddridge County, is married to Lawrence Cottrill, has two daughters and a grandson, and has been a member of HCPD for five years. She lives at Turnertown, just across the river from the library. We're all glad to have her.

Till next time -  
Joy Gilchrist

**Cemeteries: From Beginning to End** is the topic of a one-day workshop to be held November 16, 1996, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at The Cultural Center, Charleston, in conjunction with the Mining Your History Foundation's annual meeting. Topics will include cemetery and tombstone conservation, reading cemeteries, funerary art, and cemetery laws.

The MYH annual meeting will be held during lunch. Archives library will be open for research during the workshop.

Pre-registration postmarked before November 9 is \$10 and includes a box lunch. Registration at the door is \$10 but does not include a lunch. Pre-register by sending check or money order to: Cemetery Workshop, Mining Your History Foundation, Archives & History, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, WV 25305-0300.

**CHAT****WITH****CHARLIE**

Dear Cousins,

We have now completed our 14th year and we wonder where the time has gone. Our two book library has grown, our mimeograph machine has been replaced, and our number of cousins has increased. Having a membership of over 850 is fantastic; our library is one of the finest in the state; and, with our Internet service we are growing rapidly in both members and volunteers. We have about one hundred members online with us who help us with their computers by alphabetizing lists or indexing books. Our photo collection is growing by leaps and bounds. We have received two collections in the last month and we have two volunteers who are devoting their time to sorting and cataloging all the pictures. We even have Billie Jo Runyon online producing a surname book for us.

With all of this growth, I am setting a goal of my own - 1000 members and our own new library by the year 2000. If any of you are interested in helping achieve these goals, I am accepting all ideas and help I can get.

**Charlie**

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### **Superstitions:**

If chickens pick their feathers after a rain, there will be a rain again soon. (This act of picking their feathers brings out the oil which prevents the water from soaking through the feathers.)

When the woolly worm is entirely black, it will be a hard winter; however, if one end of the worm is light, then part of the winter will be mild.

To make soap, stir it with sassafras stick in the old of the moon.

# RAP WITH RAYDINE

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## Greetings.

Issue #4 of the "Hacker's Creek Journal" is ready to go to the printers and that means another year is drawing to a close. Since October 1, 1995, we've had an unusually eventful year. We've published more books than ever, notably those that reflect the hours of dedication of Matha Byrd and Hartzel Strader; we've welcomed a record number of new members; we've answered a deluge of mail; we've rearranged the library many times to accommodate our growth; and perhaps best of all, we've found several new and dedicated volunteers who make our work much easier.

We're still reminiscing about the fun we had at the Gathering. Some new friends, some old friends, some familiar activities and some innovations made us glad that we go through this effort every year - it's worth it! Now we're working on several projects that we hope to complete this year. We plan to sort and catalogue collections, publish more helpful statistical pubs for you, and we'll launch our project of publishing our long-awaited family history book. We are enthusiastic at the interest already shown by local citizens and we're looking forward to hearing from many of you.

1995-96 has flown by - it seems impossible that we are beginning our fifteenth year. Believe me, we've come "*a fur piece*" from the days when our books were in the Gilchrist basement and the journals were piled in my basement. When I look at our computers, I remember when our accounting system was a pencil and a 59 cent notebook.

Now that I've expressed my feelings of nostalgia, I'll close with the hope that this next year will see us fulfilling most of our plans and that many of you will come to visit us.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!

Love,  
Cousin Raydine



## Who is She?

This picture belonged to Ray Squires of Arnold's Creek, Doddridge Co, WV. His first wife was Murl Davis from Harrison Co., WV.

The inscription on the back of this picture says:

*Grandmother*

*Amanda Bailey*

*taken in Oct. 1916 in W.V.*

If you can identify this woman contact: Joy Gilchrist, HC64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26312 (304) 269-9789.

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### **LOCALS** "Weston Democrat" February 5, 1887

Mrs. Cicero Bennett presented her husband with a fine baby girl recently.

Miss M. M. Bonnett left for a trip in interest of Women's Foreign Missionary Society last week.

L. W. McWhorter of Buckhannon Run has quite an interesting and curious collection of geological specimens & formations, botanical curiosities and Indian relics. Anyone who feels an interest in such things would be well and amply repaid by calling at Mr. McWhorter's and view his private museum and we will insure them a hearty welcome.

Monroe Morrisons dog was shot in his yard. Someone shot through Berlin school recently, ball going through the glass lodging in the ceiling on the upper side of the house.

*pg 408 17 Aug 1789*

James Tanner came into court and produced commission of Capt. of the Militia from Beverly Randolph, governor of the state dated the 3rd of June 1789 and took oath of office according to law.

*pg 409 18 Aug 1789*

Thomas Hughes came into court and produced a commission of the militia, also John Brown as Ensign commission from Beverly Randolph the governor of Virginia dated the 3rd day of June 1789 and took the oath of office according to law.



*pg 414 19 Aug 1789*

Job Hughes came into court and proved three days, Thomas Hughes one day, Wm. Bibbee four days and Alex. Rowan three days as witness in behalf of John Bibbee in his defense against John Prunty.

*pg 425 16 Nov 1789*

George Bush indicted for forgery in the information of Peter Keinshalo.

*pg 426 16 Nov 1789*

Elisabeth Bonnet and Jacob Bonnet admr. came into court and made oath that Saml. Bonnet deceased dyed (sic) without a Will as far as the knowledge and belief and entered into bond with John Hacker and Peter Hartman security in the sum of L 500 as required by law. That John Sleeth Senior, David Smith, John Heagle and Daniel Cain or any three of them they being first sworn do appraise the personal estate of Saml. Bonnett deceased and return the inventory to the court.

*pg 440 06 Feb 1790*

Christopher Hannaman and Mary his convey land (illegible)

*pg 442 06 Feb 1790*

Thomas Cottrell and Sotha Hickman his security came into open court and entered into bond for the true performance of the said Cottrell in keeping ordinary in this county according to law.

Alexander Rowand for John McCally and John Hagle as security came into open court and entered into bond for the performance of the said McCally in keeping ordinary in county according to law.

*pg 444 6 Feb 1790*

Henry Bocher came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness in behalf of George Wiseman suit wherein Frederick Taylor stands pft.

*pg 453 19 Apr 1790*

Ordered that the inventory of the estate of Saml. Bonnett deceased being returned in due form and amounts to 198-16-11 and the same is ordered to be recorded.

*pg 454 20 Apr 1790*

Elias Hughes and Jane his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of land and release to Lawrence McCann for 195 acres and two lots in Hughes Town No. 3 and No. 6.

*pg 473 16 Aug 1790*

Indictment against Jesse Hughes for not keeping the road in repair from the 11 mile tree to John Hacker by two of our own body.

Indictment against Thomas Cottrell Junior and Arnold Cain for assault and battery at April last by knowledge of two of our body.

Also against Thomas Cottrell Junior for profance swearing on the third of this instant by the knowledge of two of our body.

*pg 480 16 Aug 1790*

Wm. Lowther guardian of Isaac Washburn heir to Charles Washburn apd. with an inventory of the said Washburn's estate in hand amounting to L4.18.6 and the same to be recorded.

Joseph Davisson guardian of Andrew Cottrill apd. also the said Andrew Cotrill being of full age and acknowledged himself fully satisfied he having received his estate in full.

*pg 482 18 Aug 1790*

John Heagle guardian of Sarah Bush and George Bush appeared and gave the court full satisfaction that he had not any of the estate of the said Sarah and George in his hands.

*pg 483 20 Sep 1790*

John Alkire and Christina his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance to 200 acres of land to William Hackney .

Ordered that Edward Brown be surveyor of the highway in the room of James Tanner.



Ordered that John Wolf be surveyor of the highway in room of Watson Clark and be cleared 20 feet, bridged 12 and dug 10 feet.

*pg 493 28 Oct 1790*

James Brown came into court and produced a deed of conveyance for 417 acres of land in Harrison county which deed was made by Samuel Henderson in the state of Pennsylvania to said Brown and the same is ordered to be recorded.

*pg 504 21 Feb 1791*

Ordered that William Morton be surveyor of the highway in room of Matthew Nutter.

That Matthew Nutter's ear mark and brand be admitted to record the ear mark is a crop and under the \_\_\_\_ in the right ear crop and two slits in the left ear the brand is the letter M on the near shoulder and the letter N on the year (near?) buttock.

That Joil Lowther be surveyor of the highway in room of Isaac Richards.

David Hughes came into court and entered into with security to keep ordinary for one year and until the next court thereafter in the town of Clarksburgh.

*pg 510 21 March 1791*

Robert Lowther came into court and took the oath of alegiance the oaths of the office of a Justice of the Peace and the oath provided by Congress.

*pg 513 23 March 1791*

That John Runyan be surveyor of the highway in the room of Joil Lowther .

*pg 517 18 Apr 1791*

Jonathan Cobun came into court and sworn into the office of deputy sheriff.

Wm. Radcliff and Deborah his wife came into court, she being of conveyance of 62 1/2 acres to John Radcliff, also one deed to Saml. Stalnaker of 118 acres.

Also one deed from John Brown Senior and Elenor Brown to John Brown Junr. of 150 acres of land.

Also one other deed from same to Edward Brown of 150 acres

**VIRGINIA LAND OFFICE INVENTORY**

3rd Edition, Daphne Gentry, Compiler

Library of Virginia, 1988

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Since so many people have expressed an interest in the awarding of land for military service during the Revolutionary War ... since the *\*Virginia Land Office Inventory\** is currently out of print [otherwise I would suggest you order a copy from LVA] ... since, when I was part of the Archives Division here at LVA, I worked the papers of the Land Office and probably know as much about its workings as anyone ... since I wrote the introduction to the above-mentioned VLOI and am therefore not violating any copyright holding ... the following is offered as today's lecture. If you have a copy of the VLOI (3rd edition), you may follow beginning on page xviii.



[On] June 22, 1779, an act establishing a Land Office was passed. ... In addition to establishing the procedure for obtaining vacant lands, the act provided for the rewarding of lands promised as bounty for certain Revolutionary War service. Precedent existed for such rewards, since land had been offered in return for military service or for settling an unprotected frontier area as early as 1630. Also, the Proclamation of 1763 had awarded a bounty of land to those who had served during the French and Indian War. However, the same proclamation prohibited white settlement west of the Alleghany Mountains and caused much of the promised bounty land to remain unclaimed.

... Since Virginia was rich in unclaimed land, including most of the area known as the Northwest Territory, the new state found the bounties to be an inexpensive inducement to longer military service. A series of acts refining the bounty procedure was passed before the first bounty land warrant was issued. These acts specified that in order to qualify for a bounty warrant, a soldier must have served for at least three years continuously in the State or Continental Line. Militia service could not be included.

The soldier was at first required to submit proof of his service to the register of the Land Office. Proof to be submitted included affidavits relative to the soldier's service made by his commanding officers or fellow soldiers, discharge papers, or any document which recorded the dates of his service. The papers accumulated as proof of service are among the records of the Executive Department, either as 'Bounty Warrants' if approved or as 'Rejected Claims' if disapproved because of insufficient evidence.

Upon accepting a claim as proved, the governor's office issued a certificate to the register of the Land Office authorizing him to issue a warrant. A recorded copy of the certificate was made by the register who then issued a bounty land warrant to the applicant and recorded a copy of the warrant. If a soldier had died, his heirs were required to submit to the Land Office documentation verifying their status as legal heirs as well as proof of the soldier's military service. This documentation was filed with the original military certificate.

The first warrant was issued in August 1782 and it was not until 1876 that the final one was issued, ... The amount of land awarded varied according to the rank of the individual and his service. Since land awarded as bounty was located in the areas which later became the states of Ohio and Kentucky, information concerning the disposition of these warrants is located among the records of those states. Land in Illinois was set aside for volunteers who served under George Rogers Clark. No military service performed after the Revolutionary War was rewarded by Virginia with bounty in the form of lands.

There, in a nutshell - a pretty large nutshell - is the story of Virginia's awarding of land for Revolutionary War military service.

#### THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA CURTAILS SERVICE WHILE MOVING

##### Help on the Internet

Following closely on the heels of my long posting about Virginia's awarding of land for Revolutionary War Service ... I know many people will want to know whether their ancestor was entitled to land.

Normally, you could address an inquiry to the Library and receive either a negative letter or an order form for copies of the pertinent records. However, as I hope most rooters know, the Library of Virginia is making plans for its move into a new facility later this year and has had to curtail its services; out of state mail inquiries are no longer being accepted and those from persons in Virginia will not be accepted after 31 May.

I invite you, however, to turn to the Library's home page <<http://leo.vsla.edu>> and from there click on The Library of Virginia and from there go into Electronic Card Indexes where you will find indexes to the Bounty Warrants, Rejected Claims, and Land Office Military Certificates records series. While you will [for now] be able to access these records only with a personal visit to LVA, you will know if the person(s) in whom you are interested, did qualify. You may also wish to go into the Digital Collection where, right now, you can pull up the index to patents and grants issued for land in Virginia and, after September you will be able to pull up the actual record.

And, you might be able to obtain a copy of \*Virginia Land Office Inventory\* at a local library or book seller.

*Daphne Gentry*

## A TRIBUTE TO FLORICE KARL HINZMAN IN HIS ONE-HUNDREDTH YEAR

*Marjorie Heater Herring wrote this tribute to Florice Hinzman for a recent issue of the "Jacob's Ladder", the newsletter of the Christlieb, Chrislip, Crislip Family Association.*

It is not often that we are privileged to pay tribute to a living Centenarian in our group. Now we are! FLORICE KARL HINZMAN of Cox's Mills, West Virginia celebrated his 100th birthday on December 3, 1994.

On that date he was joined by family and friends in an open house celebration honoring his 100th birthday. The party was held at the Kanawha Drive Community Building, Glenville, West Virginia; and was hosted by his son and daughter-in-law, Paige and Crystal Hinzman of Glenville; daughter Gladys Woodford of Barberton, OH; daughter and son-in-law Ruby and Hubert Frymier of Tanner; and daughter Esther Clevenger of Mt. Vernon, OH. His great-granddaughter, Janet Sheets, baked the birthday cake. Most of his immediate family attended as well as other relatives and many friends.



Mr. Hinzman was born and reared in Gilmer County, the third child of Esther Nevada Chrislip and Daniel Webster Hinzman. Esther was the daughter of John Wesley Chrislip; son of Thomas B. Chrislip; son of George Chrislip, I; son of Jacob Christlieb/Chrislip.

He married Nellie Goff Dec. 13, 1914 when he was 20 years old and she was 18. They had been married over 64 years when Nellie died March 24, 1979. The descendants from that marriage now total an impressive number of sixty-nine-5 children; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great grandchildren.

Esther (Hinzman) Clevenger, his daughter, talked with her father and probed his memory to provide much information which gives us an insight into growing up years and the later years of his life. Her assistance and the cooperation and sharing of reminiscences by Mr. Hinzman are much appreciated. His early years were rather typical of many who lived in West

Virginia during the lifetime of Mr. Hinzman..such as my father who would have been 100 on January 20, 1995.

He walked about a mile to the Fairview School, near Newberne, West Virginia, which he attended from the age of six years to 18 years. The McGuffey Readers were studied and Ray's Arithmetic. They also had what they called "mental arithmetic" which taught them to solve problems in their heads. Other subjects taught were writing, geography, history, physiology and spelling. Spelling bees were held and he was a champion speller. No science courses were taught.

Most schools in the area were one-room schools which covered all the grades. Mr. Hinzman recalls that there were about 65 students in his school. The teacher what was called a "No. 2" teacher. After attending a Normal School, the teacher aspirants would take a state examination and receive a ranking of No. 1, 2 or 3.

The school also had what was called a "Literary Society". It met every Friday night and the students participated in debating, presented plays and had recitations (reciting from memory poems or other selections of literature). My own father spoke often of the "Literaries" and how educational and enjoyable they were.

On the last day of school each year, there was always a BIG PROGRAM! They held spelling bees, presented plays, had recitations and other activities with neighboring schools also participating. At noontime they had "dinner on the ground". Everyone brought their own lunch...because there were no tables, they put tablecloths on the ground to sit on and enjoyed the feast with friends and relatives.

For fun, the children would play Ante-Over and Soccer ball. As they grew older, Box Socials would provide much entertainment. Box Socials were commonplace for many years and often romances resulted from the infrequent social interaction with the opposite sex. For those unfamiliar with the old-time event ...Young ladies did their utmost to prepare a delicious meal for two persons and boxed it; the young men bid on the boxes and the highest bidder had the privilege of sharing the meal with the preparer. The bidding at times became very heated. This was frequently a fund-raising event for churches or schools as well as being a social gathering.

As a lad, Florice used to trap 'possums, skunks and muskrats. He would skin them, stretch and dry their hides on a board made for that purpose, and

then sell them to a fur buyer. The money was used to buy his shoes and other clothing. The shoes were made by a local shoe cobbler. (Abraham Asbury Chrislip, who was the brother of his grandfather, was a shoemaker in Barbour County).

As did most of his friends, Florice always went to church. In the summer afternoons the boys would gather at the "old swimming hole" and in the winter they would go ice-skating for 6 to 10 miles on the nearby stream of water.

Mr. Hinzman first worked for Federal Oil Co. for about 3 yrs. and then for the Hope Gas Company for 37 years. It has been 39 years since his retirement in 1956. In the early years of his employment, he helped to lay pipeline and build roads to well locations. In the late 1920s he helped tear down old rigs that had been used for drilling wells. At one time he extracted gasoline from natural gas. Because of his 10 years service, he was fortunate and remained employed during the Great Depression. His work changed to tending wells which made it necessary for him to walk over the hills several miles each day.

During the last 10 years of his employment, he worked at a gas storage station taking care of 26 wells. After years of walking 8 miles to go to work and 8 miles back home each day, in 1950, he bought a Jeep to drive over the rugged terrain to the wells. One wonders if all the exercise did not contribute to this hardiness and long healthy life.

In addition to his employment by the gas company, Mr. Hinzman did a bit of farming on the side and always had a big garden. He always enjoyed hunting and fishing and made several fishing trips to Canada. The restoration of old chairs using splints and caning for the backs and seats was another one of his hobbies.

The first vehicle he ever owned was a 1925 Model "T" Ford for which he paid \$500. Over a period of 69 years, he owned 9 cars and was still driving at age 90.

Although he still attends church occasionally, he prefers to listen to sermons on TV because of his hearing problem.

Going to Long John Silvers for a fish dinner is enjoyable for him. Even after his birthday celebration, he still had the energy to go out for dinner. As can be imagined, Mr. Hinzman is not as physically active as in former years but is still quite independent.

It can easily be seen that Mr. Hinzman can look back upon a long life which was interesting and busy. He is held in high regard and with great affection by many of us who are his cousins, as well as by numerous other relatives and friends. He has faithfully attended all of our Family Reunions since 1983.

We are honored to consider this fine gentleman our SENIOR Senior Citizen. His is believed to be the oldest living descendant of Jacob Christlieb/Chrislip and perhaps the oldest living descendant of Friedrich Carl Christlieb.

We salute you, Florice Hinzman, and wish for you many more happy years.!



### HISTORIAN RODNEY COLLINS DIES AT 49

Long-time public historian Rodney S. Collins, director of the National Register program in West Virginia, died Friday at home after a long illness. He was 49.

In 1977, Collins was hired to identify, promote and register the state's historic sites. Under his leadership, more than 25 historic landmark commissions were created and many properties were placed on the National Register for Historic Places. In 1981, he was appointed director of the Historic Preservation Office.

A native of Williamstown, he had a master's degree in history from West Virginia University.

He was a member of the National Trust and the Charleston Historical Society.

Surviving: brothers Richard W. Collins of Little Hocking, Ohio, and Patrick L. Collins of Williamstown.

Service will be at 2 p.m. April 13 at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Calebaugh. *Sunday Gazette-Mail, April 7, 1966*



### VALENTINE BYRD

Died of kidney disease at his home on Canoe Run, March 21, 1887 Valentine Bird. The deceased was born in Highland Co., Va in 1825. He was married in 1846 to Elizabeth Cook whom with 9 children survives him. In 1851 he moved to this county, settled on a farm on Canoe Run where he resided until his death. A few years since he joined the M.P. Church after which he was steward of the same for several years. Uncle Val, as he was commonly called had a very cheerful disposition and was always jovial and had many friends who will miss him very much. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family. "*Weston Democrat*" April 2, 1887

# EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

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**An Old Citizen Relates an  
Interesting Story of the Town and  
Recalls Many Incidents and  
Events of By Gone Happy Days**

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## **Time Changes All Things**

"Weston Democrat" Sat. 6 Feb. 1892

It will be remembered that at the time of which I write (1844), Lewis county was bounded on the North by Harrison county, on the South by Braxton county, on the East by Randolph county and on the West by Jackson county, embracing a territory as large as the State of Rhode Island. The citizens of this vast territory were compelled to attend Circuit Court at Weston. The men from the extreme western part of the county would start two days before the commencement of Court, dressed in regular backwoods style -- hunting shirt and their feet enclosed in moccasins of their own manufacture, with their rifle on their shoulder and their shot pouch strapped around them, and hunt their way through, often bringing venison enough with them to pay their board during their attendance of Court. I have often seen them coming into town with a fine wild turkey and other small game which they took to Major

Bailey's hotel. He had a large room over his bar room with four or five beds in it which he kept for the citizens from Little Kanawha country and some of the boys gave the room the name of "Kanawha".

The Circuit Court was presided over by Judge Edward S. Duncan, a man of large proportions, weighing 200 pounds or more, and commanding appearance. He had a massive head, well stored with legal knowledge, and stood in the front rank as a Judge. At that day the Judges were elected by the Legislature for life or during good behavior. The territory over which Judge Duncan had to travel now embraces the following counties, viz: Harrison, Barbour, Randolph, Pocahontas, Nicholas, Braxton, Tucker, Lewis and Gilmer. He held two Courts in each county a year. Rev. John Talbott was Clerk of both the County and Circuit Courts. Gibson J. Butcher was the head clerk of both offices, assisted by Solomon Leonard, Johnson N. Camden and Nathaniel Arthurs. The Weston bar was represented by the following named attorneys, viz: Colonel John McWhorter, Jonathan Holt, Cabell Tavenner, Matthew Edmiston, Jonathan M. Bennett, Colonel Addison McLaughlin, Lewis Maxwell and Dexter Williams. Col. McWhorter was Attorney for the Commonwealth, and was advanced in years, being well up in sixty. He was a soldier in the war of 1812



and at its close returned to his native county and took up the profession of law. As to his ability as a lawyer, I can only judge from the position which he held. He had also been honored by his constituents with a seat in the State Senate on one or more occasions. In politics, he was a Whig. I shall have occasion to mention his name again as this sketch progresses. The Rev. Jonathan Holt was a very intelligent, well educated and well posted man; a fluent speaker and a ready debater on all subjects. I have had the privilege of hearing him preach an excellent sermon, plead law at the bar and discuss politics from the rostrum, in all of which I thought he acquitted himself well, although I did not agree with him in politics, he being an uncompromising Whig. Cabell Tavenner, I think, stood at the head of the bar. He was a man of rather slight build, fair complexion, nervous temperament, kind and generous; a man of fine educational attainments and with a good practice at the bar. He was a sound Jeffersonian Democrat and represented the county one term in the Legislature. He was, comparatively speaking, a young man and I shall have occasion to speak of him again. Col. Addison McLaughlin was a man in the prime of life, born and raised in the county of Nicholas. He received such an education as the country afforded at that time, which was

very meagre. He was beyond doubt a self made man. Having selected the law as his profession he located in a small town of Summersville, the county seat of Nicholas county. Being an ardent Whig, he was selected as the champion of his party and, it is said, was elected to represent his county in the Legislature before he was twenty-one years old, and after being elected commenced to shave twice a day so as the "*sprout a beard*" before going to Richmond. I do not vouch for this as being true as I got it from hear say. He located in Weston in 1842 and bought the lot and erected the dwelling in which Mrs. Judge Edmiston now resides. He was of medium size; a fine looking man; made a good appearance at the bar; possessed a great command of language and exercised a great influence over a jury; was a wily politician; a fluent speaker and could sway the multitude pretty much as he pleased. I will have occasion to mention his name further along. Hon. Lewis Maxwell was well advanced in years, being about fifty, and had pretty much abandoned the practice of law except in very important cases. He was a very large man, weighing over two hundred pounds. He was a man of fine legal attainments; said but little but was a deep and profound thinker. He had accumulated a large fortune and was the largest landed proprietor in the Western part of the State. I

learned after my arrival here that he and Daniel Stringer purchased in partnership the farm on which Weston is now located. He had acquired a National reputation, having served two terms in the lower House of Congress of the United States with great honor to his constituency and credit to himself. In politics he was a Whig. Matthew Edmiston, a rising young lawyer and a native of Pocahontas county, located in Weston while yet a young and single man to engage in the practice of his profession. Soon after locating in Weston he sought and won the hand of the handsome and accomplished Miss Minerva Bland, eldest daughter of Major Thomas and Mrs. Mary Bland, and I venture to say that he never regretted his choice, for a more amiable lady would be very hard to find. As I shall have much more to say in the progress of these sketches about Mr. Edmiston I will pass on to speak of Jonathan M. Bennett as I knew him in 1844. He was a native of Lewis county and a man of striking and commanding appearance, somewhere between twenty-five and thirty years of age. In height he was over six feet and had dark hair and eyes. Mr. Bennett was what you might call a self educated man, as he only had a common school education, no other was to be had without going a long way to obtain it. He was a man of indomitable will and energy and never knew the word fail. At the

time of which I write he was a partner in the practice of law with G. D. Camden, of Clarksburg, and while he was a shrewd lawyer he seldom plead at the bar. He early entered politics and was an active co-worker with the leading politicians of that day. As I shall have much to say concerning him as I pass along, I will now try to describe the smallest man of the lot, not in intellect by any means, but in stature. Dexter William was a young man of great natural endowments. He was a very small man, not weighing over one hundred and thirty pounds. Possessing a fine collegiate education, combined with a social and congenial temperament that rendered him almost irresistible one could not but admire and like him. He was fluent in speech, learned in the law, a great favorite with his associates, a fine stump speaker and an unflinching Democrat.

I will now try to give you a short sketch of the visiting attorneys. They were all from Clarksburg and consisted of the following named gentlemen, vis: William A. Harrison, George H. Lee, G. D. Camden, Augustine J. Smith, Burton Despard, John Duncan and John S. Hoffman. The two latter were young men just commencing to practice. W. A. Harrison had passed the meridian of life, but notwithstanding he was a power at the bar. The law was as familiar to him as the alphabet is

to a school boy of ten years of age. He was fluent in speech, commanding in deportment, kind, courteous and affable to every one he met--the children all loved and trusted him--and wielded a powerful influence over a jury. George H. Lee was a tall, slender man, somewhat dyspeptic, but a man of fine legal mind, a great student and a power at the bar and on the bench. I shall have more to say about him. G. D. Camden was a very popular attorney. He was in the prime of life, endowed with great physical power as well as

mental attainments and was considered a good and safe lawyer. He will be mentioned again in these sketches. A. J. Smith was a fine attorney, well versed in the law. He was a great politician, a fluent speaker and a power in the Whig party. Burton Despard was a very profound and deep thinker, an able financier and became very wealthy. He affiliated with the Whig party.

In my next (appears word left out) I will give you a sketch of the County Court, who composed it, & c.

An Old Citizen

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### **SQUIRE GEO. P. OLIVER DEAD**

Our people will be pained to learn of the death of Squire Geo. P. Oliver, which occurred on Wednesday night of this week at Brooklyn, N. Y. His remains have been taken to Chicago where his son resides for interment. The deceased was for more than a half century a resident of Weston, and about two years ago moved with his family to Brooklyn, where he has since lived.

He was a Justice of the Peace here in this capacity was recognized as one of the best in the county. He was noted far and wide for his fine memory and his excellent conversational powers. A series of articles known as his reminiscences, published in the paper a few years since, attracted very considerable attention. He leaves surviving him a widow, one son, Ernest A. living in Chicago, Mrs. John L. Gaston, living at Fairmont and Misses Mamie and Opal, who are unmarried, and living with the family in New York.

The Democrat unites with all his acquaintances, friends and relatives here, who embrace most of the citizens of Lewis county in extending sympathy to the family. *Weston Democrat* 13 Jan. 1900.

## WEST VIRGINIA MORTALITY SCHEDULE, Barbour County., WV 1850

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SNDX	NAME	SEX	BIRTH	AGE	MONTH	CAUSE	OCCUPATION
A425	ALEXANDER, Samuel	M	VA	69	MAY	CRAMP CHOL	Farmer
A640	AUREL, Mary M.	F	VA	1	JUN	CROOP	
B634	BARTHELOU, Charlotte	F	VA	19	JAN	CONSUMPTION	
B200	BOYCE, Edith	F	VA	18	MAY	CONSUMPTION	
B420	BOYLES, Michael J.	M	VA	4	MAY	CONSUMPTION	
B652	BURNES, Charles	M	VA	30	NOV	DISPEP	Farmer
C514	CAMPBELL, Mary	F	VA	1MO	JAN	DISFIGURED	
C636	CARTER, Robert	M	VA	60	MAR	DROPSEY	Clergyman, Priest
C234	CASTILE, Elizabeth	F	VA	1	MAR	CROOP	
C620	CROSS, Debora	F	VA	45	JUL	DROPSEY	
D132	DAVIDSON, Ara J.	F	VA	3	NOV	DROWNED	
D263	DUCKWORTH, Virginia	F	VA	1	OCT	UNKNOWN	
F600	FRY, Matthias	M	VA	89	APR	PALSEY	Blacksmith
F520	FUNK, Lavara	F	VA	1	AUG	WHOOPE COUGH	
G536	GANTHROP, James	M	VA	6MO	MAR	UNKNOWN	
H320	HADDEX, Mary	F	VA	11MO	JAN	CROUP	
H625	HARRISON, Isner	M	VA	1	OCT	UNKNOWN	
H200	HAYES, William H.	M	VA	1MO	APR	CROOP	
H100	HOFF, Alpheus	M	VA	3MO	JUN	FEVER	
H160	HOOVER, Mary	F	VA	49	DEC	LIVER COMP	
H200	HOUSE, Elizabeth	F	VA	39	NOV	INFLA	
H516	HUMPHREY, Baby	M	VA	1MO	MAY	UNKNOWN	
L200	LEACH, Benjamin	M	VA	50	FEB	LUNG FEVER	Teacher
M216	MC SEVARD, William	M	VA	6MO	OCT	UNKNOWN	
M230	MUSTOE, Thadeus	M	VA	4MO	MAR	UNKNOWN	
M620	MYERS, Mary M.	F	VA	4MO	OCT	DIARRHEA	
N550	NEWMAN, Anna Free Negro	F	VA	47	APR	CONSUMPTION	
O416	OLIVER, James	M	VA	12	MAY	ACCIDENT	
P452	POLING, Samuel	M	VA	30	SEP	CONSUMPTION	Farmer
P620	POWERS, Rebecca	F	VA	6MO	FEB	SUDDENLY	
R300	REED, Jasper	M	VA	1MO	MAR	CROUP	
S634	SHURTLIFF, Nancy	F	VA	38	AUG	CONSUMPTION	
S356	SKIDMORE, Mary	F	VA	46	OCT	CONSUMPTION	Farmer
T512	THOMPSON, John R.	M	VA	30	FEB	ALCOHOL	Farmer
T416	TOLBERT, Mary	F	VA	30	APR	CONSUMPTION	
V453	VALENTINE, Jacob	M	VA	1	MAY	CROOP	
W640	WRILEY, George	M	VA	4	SEP	IRESHIPLES	

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SNDX	NAME	SEX	BIR	AGE	MON	CAUSE	OCCUPATION
A654	ARNOLD, Elijah	M	VA	75	DEC	GRAVEL	
A325	ATKINS, Jane C.S.	F	VA	7MO	OCT	UNKNOWN	
A325	ATKINS, Sarah E.	F	VA	6MO	AUG	UNKNOWN	
A416	AULBERT, Catherine	F	NG	85	DEC	OLD AGE	
B326	BADGER, Elizabeth	F	VA	83	JUL	OLD AGE	
B400	BAILEY, John	M	VA	86		SEP DROPSEY	Farmer
B400	BEALL, Cass	M	VA	1	AUG	CROUP	
B632	BRADSHAW, Rebecca F	F	VA	16	AUG	SORE THROAT	
B620	BRAKE, Rebecca	F	VA	8MO	MAY	MEASLES	
B650	BROWN, Pascal P.	M	VA	2	FEB	WORMS	
B326	BUTCHER, Rebecca	F	VA	31	APR	LIVER COMP	
C650	CARHEN, Hannah	F	MD	9	DEC	SORE THROAT	
C650	CARHEN, Michael	M	MD	11	DEC	SORE THROAT	
C240	CASLE, Frances	F	VA	32	JUL	TYPHOID FVR	
C165	CHEVERENT, Mary A.	F	VA	23	OCT	CHILDBIRTH	
C165	COBOURN, *	M	VA	3	AUG	DYSENTERY	
C364	COTTRELL, Virginia V.	F	VA	2	JAN	TYPHOID FVR	
C655	CRAMAINÉ, Susan R.	F	VA	3MO	MAY	SUDDEN	
C362	CUTRIGHT, Abraham	M	VA	79	MAR	CHOLERA	Farmer
D160	DEEPER, Dinna	F	VA	2	JUL	COLD	
D400	DOWELL, Susan E.	F	VA	18	MAY	FEVER	
F156	FAVENER, Caball	M	VA	42	DEC	HEMMORAGE	Lawyer, Attorney
F200	FISH, Jacob	M	VA	26	FEB	BRAIN FVR	Farmer
F432	FLETCHER, Rachael	F	VA	7	JUN	BRAIN INFL	
G350	GOODWIN, Jacob C.	M	VA	1MO	NOV	THRUSH	
H260	HACKER, Levi S.	M	VA	1	MAR	CROUP	
H560	HAMER, Joseph	M	VA	4MO	JUL	UNKNOWN	
H360	HEATER, Melissa A.	F	VA	9MO	JAN	FEVER	
H322	HEDGES, Thomas E.	M	VA	14	AUG	SEVERE DIS	
H545	HENLINE, John	M	VA	67	MAR	GRAVEL	Farmer
H156	HEPNER, Lucinda	F	VA	31	NOV	BILIOUS CHL	
H525	HINGMAN, Mary J.	F	VA	1	APR	CHOLERA	
H200	HOWES, Philip E.	M	VA	10	AUG	SORE THROAT	
H155	HUFFMAN, Matilda	F	VA	48	FEB	SURGERY	
J250	JACKSON, Stephen P.	M	VA	54	DEC	TYPHOID FVR	Merchant
J552	JENNINGS, George S.	M	VA	1MO	AUG	UNKNOWN	
J350	JODON, Elizabeth	F	MD	48	DEC	TYPHOID FVR	
J520	JOHNS, Sarah J.	F	VA	4	MAR	SCALDED	
J210	JOSEPH, Sarah E.	F	VA	1	JUN	CROUP	
K523	KNIGHT, Irving D.	M	VA	16	AUG	CHRONIC	Farmer
L000	LAU, Rebecca	F	VA	3	OCT	DYSENTERY	
L000	LAU, William N.	M	VA	5	OCT	DYSENTERY	
M250	MAXEN, Thomas A.	M	VA	3	JAN	CROUP	
M263	MC CARTNEY, Sarah	F	VA	70	MAR	SUDDEN	

SNDX	NAME	SEX	BIR	AGE	MON	CAUSE	
	OCCUPATION						
M245	MC CLANE, William	M	VA	56	JUL	DROPSEY	Farmer
M263	MC CORD, John	M	VA	67	SEP	SCHROFFULA	
M520	MEANS, Margaret	F	VA	87	JUN	JANDERS	
M324	MITCHELL, John W.	M	VA	6	JUL	SORE THROAT	
M324	MITCHELL, Mariah S.	F	VA	11MO	FEB	COLD	
M532	MONTGOMERY, John	M	VA	63	JUN	DROPSEY	Farmer
M620	MORRES, Prudence	F	VA	35	MAR	JAUNDICE	
O432	OLDACRE, Rebecca	F	VA	2MO	NOV	ERESIPELAS	
P412	PHILLIPS, Eugene	M	VA	4	MAR	DISENTARY	
P412	PHILLIPS, Gilbert	M	VA	2	MAR	DISENTARY	
R300	REED, Elizabeth	F	VA	51	OCT	ERESIPELAS	
R260	REGER, Andrew	M	VA	23	OCT	TYPHOID FVR	Farmer
R140	RIFFLE, George	M	VA	1	SEP	CROUP	
R550	ROMINE, Jonathan	M	VA	35	OCT	FEVER	Farmer
S426	SCHOOLCRAFT, John	M	VA	83	FEB	TATER WORMS	Farmer
S610	SHARP, Perry	M	VA	10MO	FEB	CROUP	
S435	SHELTON, Henry	M	VA	10	JAN	FALL OF TREE	
S432	SHULTZ, Marshall S.	M	VA	1	JUL	WHOOPE COUGH	
S530	SMITH, Jane N.	F	VA	34	MAY	CONSUMPTION	
S530	SMITH, John	M	VA	1MO	APR	UNKNOWN	
S530	SMITH, Julia A.M.	F	VA	14	NOV	CONSUMPTION	
S530	SMITH, Lewis C.	M	VA	1	OCT	UNKNOWN	
S530	SMITH, Parthena A.	F	VA	12	SEP	SORE THROAT	
S134	SPITLER, Sarah E	F	VA	1	JUL	WHOOPE COUGH	
S363	STRADER, Magdeline E	F	VA	1	JUN	WHOOPE COUGH	
S363	STRADER, Martin	M	VA	56	MAR	UNKNOWN	
S364	STRALEY, Joseph M.	M	VA	6MO	JAN	BRAIN FVR	
W256	WAGGONER, George C.	M	VA	2	JUL	DYSENTERY	
W430	WALDO, Giff	M	VA	2	JUN	DROWNED	
W300	WHITE, Benjamin J.	M	VA	2MO	SEP	UNKNOWN	
W300	WHITE, Mary A	F	VA	18	JUL	CHILDBIRTH	



### Roanoke News

"I am sorry to hear of the death of Charles Detamore and sympathize with his friends."

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A special to the "Register", Wednesday from Clarksburg states "that the body of Elizabeth Hall, the widow of John Hall was found in the woods on the right fork of Ten Mile Creek suspended from a tree to which a rope was attached, the other end being around her neck. She was dead when discovered. A coroner's jury finds that she came to her death at her own hands. The cause of the suicide is unknown. Sept. 17, 1887 "Weston Democrat"

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Weston: Died - On account of no sensational news reaching her before getting out of bed on the morning of the 29th of Sept. 1887, Martha Gwndy, a full sister of the well known Madam Gwndy - Peace to her restless ashes - Weston indeed is dull.

Sept 3, 1887 "Weston Democrat"

Column 1-2: is an old grocery list written by Walter G. Bender about 1936.

Column 3-4: is a similar grocery list written by Audra (Henderson) Bender in December 1979.

Column 5-6: is a similar grocery list written by Irma Curtis, 1996.

100 pot	1.95	100 lbs. Potatoes	7.00	100 # Potatoes	17.00
25 flour	.75	25 lbs. Flour	5.19	25 # Flour	7.25
8 milk	.50	8 cans milk	3.44	8 cans milk	3.96
4 Lard	.54	4 lbs. Lard	3.00	4 # Lard	3.56
10 Sugar	.55	10 lbs. Sugar	3.57	10 lbs. Sugar	3.98
3 Butter	.45	3 lbs. margarine	2.25	3 # Oleo	1.77
1 Coffee	.19	1 lb. Coffee	3.45	1 # Coffee	3.56
4 Rice	.18	4 lbs. Rice	1.96	4 # Rice	1.78
2 soap	.15	2 bars soap	.94	2 bars soap	1.97
6 pancake	.45	6 # pancake mix	2.64	6 lbs. pancake mix	5.47
4 B Sugar	.20	4 B. sugar	1.78	4 lbs. brown sugar	2.44
10 Beans	.45	10 lbs. navy beans	4.70	10 lbs. navy beans	7.77
	6.36		39.92		60.51

100 pot	1.95
1 of flour	.75
8 milk	.50
4 Lard	.54
10 sugar	.55
3 Butter	.45
1 Coffee	.19
4 Rice	.18
2 soap	.15
6 pancake	.45
4 B sugar	.20
10 Beans	.45
	<u>6.36</u>

## JOHN BROWN - PIONEER OF BROAD RUN

INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS NOTES ON RELATED FAMILIES OF CARPENTER, SHEPHERD,  
FLESHER, MCCANN, TANNER, AND DAVIS

by David Armstrong, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV, 26241  
(Based on research completed as of August 1996)

John Brown I, ancestor of the Brown family in the area of Broad Run, Lewis County, was born about the year 1730, probably in Northern Ireland<sup>1</sup> His early life is a complete mystery. He is known to have been in Pennsylvania in the 1750s.<sup>2</sup> The name John Brown appears in the tax lists of Middleton and Hopewell Townships, now Cumberland County, in 1751.<sup>3</sup> The name also appears in the 1756 assessments of both East and West Hopewell Townships, Pennsylvania.<sup>4</sup> It is not known if these listings are for the same John Brown. Broad Run John Brown married about 1755 to Eleanor, whose maiden name is said to have been Bogardus.<sup>5</sup> They were living in Cumberland County in 1756 when their eldest (so far as is known) son James was born.<sup>6</sup>

The names of John and Robert Brown appear in the pay list of the militia at Fort Ligonier, which was then in Cumberland County, in 1763.<sup>7</sup> It is not known if this listing is for the same John Brown. About this time Broad Run John Brown and his family moved across the Potomac River into what was then Hampshire but later became Hardy County, West Virginia.<sup>8</sup> The exact date of the family move into Virginia is not known, but it was probably between 1763 and 1768.<sup>9</sup>

History says that in the mid 1760s, when the Pringle brothers brought their little band of settlers to the valley of the Buckhannon River, John Brown, John and William Radcliff, William Hacker and Thomas and Jesse Hughes were of major assistance to the new settlement. It is said that Brown and company made no improvement of land for their own use, but occupied themselves hunting, trapping and exploring, thus keeping those who were busy building cabins and planting crops supplied with an abundance of meat and an improved knowledge of the geography of the area.<sup>10</sup> It is also said that John Brown was one of the party who discovered and named Stone Coal Creek.<sup>11</sup>

The Browns lived intermittently on the Buckhannon and West Fork Rivers through the 1770s, although their primary residence seems to have been in Hardy County. John Brown saw his sons march off to fight for their country during the Revolutionary War. James served in both the Revolution and the earlier Dunmore War of 1774. James also made a pioneer settlement on Lost Creek in now Harrison County prior to 1778, but again it does not appear that the Browns actually moved west of the Alleghenies until the mid 1780s.

John Brown appears in the tax lists of Harrison County beginning in 1785. The June 1785 census of the county shows him between John Collins and George Bush, and near to John Hacker, and Elias Hughes, so he must have been living near the mouth of Broad Run at that time.<sup>12</sup> On August 30, 1785, 400 acre tracts of land on the east side of the West Fork River were surveyed for John and Robert Brown,<sup>13</sup> and this tract at the mouth of what was then called White Oak Flat Run,



but is now called Broad Run in Lewis County, would become John Brown's home for the rest of his life. The tract was granted to John on June 14, 1788. The tract was granted by virtue of settling there prior to January 1, 1778, although if Brown made a pre 1778 improvement at Broad Run it is known that his residence at the site was not permanent until the 1780s.<sup>14</sup> The tract to the immediate south of John Brown's tract was granted three days later to one Robert Brown, and Robert's tract was also granted as a settlement right.<sup>15</sup>

History says that John Brown built a fort on his Broad Run tract, but it is likely that this structure was a "blockhouse" or fortified cabin, as a fort already existed a short distance to the southeast at present day Jane Lew. Brown's fort is referred to in various Revolutionary War pension testimonies,<sup>16</sup> and it seems to have supplemented the defense for the people of the area during the time immediately after the Revolution, when Indian raids were still common. Brown family tradition tells of one raid into the settlement in which the natives attacked and James Brown, son of John Sr., and his five or so children started for Brown's Fort. About half way to safety Mrs. James Brown suddenly exclaimed that in their haste to get the older children to the fort and out of harm's way they had forgotten their little baby in the cradle back at the cabin. James Brown returned home and retrieved the baby and the Indians were on his heels when he reached the safety of the fort.<sup>17</sup>

McWhorter, in his Border Settlers, tells a story that may in fact be another incident in the life of John Brown Sr. McWhorter relates that in the late 1700s Elias Hughes and one Brown, for whom Brown's Creek in Harrison County was named, were hunting near Lost Creek when Hughes shot and wounded an elk. The animal made off into the forest and Hughes and Brown gave chase. Neither willing to give up due to some old rivalry as to which was the stronger of the two, they pursued the elk into present day Upshur County where it was overtaken on Turkey Run.<sup>18</sup> McWhorter says that while Hughes was none the worse for wear after the long chase, Brown was laid up with pain in the legs for several days. It is not clear which Brown was the hunting companion of Elias Hughes that day, but of the possible candidates John Brown Sr. of Broad Run seems the most likely.

In the 1790s John Brown Sr. began to subdivide his property. On April 18, 1791 John and Eleanor Brown deeded 150 acres of the 400 acre tract to their son, John. This tract was the westernmost portion of the larger tract, at the mouth of Broad Run. The monetary consideration for this transaction was 100 pounds.<sup>19</sup> The same day they deeded another 150 acre portion of the 400 acres to their other son Edward. This was the easternmost portion of the tract, and this left a 100 acre pie shaped chunk in the middle that John Brown Sr. did not sell for several years, and it may well have been the portion that included his home. The monetary consideration for Edward Brown's portion was a mere ten pounds.<sup>20</sup>

About 1803 John Brown became the benefactor of the Baptist Congregation in the area, when he donated a small lot of land for use as a cemetery and a Baptist Church. This small lot of land came out of the remaining 100 acres that John had not sold to his sons, and which he subsequently sold to John Morrison. This church and cemetery are still in use as the Broad Run Baptist Church.<sup>21</sup>

John and Eleanor Brown deeded the remaining 100 acres of their land grant to Morrison in October of 1804, for \$600.00. This left John Sr. without real estate, but he and his wife lived out the rest of their lives in the Broad Run area. John

Brown was "sick and weak" when he wrote his will on October 1, 1807, and indeed he must have been something near 77 years of age at the time. He left a bequest to one John Megumming of his black horse, his rifle gun, and one two year old steer. He left his daughter, Mary Flesher, the sum of ten pounds "to be raised out of my estate". He effectively disinherited his other children, leaving them "one English shilling a piece." The rest of the estate was left to Eleanor Brown, to be disposed of after her death in the manner she saw fit.

In his will John Brown pronounced that his slave woman Fanny, who was pregnant, was to serve his wife during the remainder of Eleanor's life, and then be free. The child that Fanny was carrying was left to John Brown Jr. to serve him until the age of 21 at which time the child was also to go free. Brown also included the stipulation that if Fanny should have any other children during the life of Eleanor Brown then they too were to go free at age 21. Brown appointed William Simms and John Brown "consulars" (executors) of the will, and it was witnessed by James Brown and John Schoolcraft <sup>22</sup>

John Brown Sr. died within four months of the writing of his will. He was deceased by February 1, 1808 when the estate was probated.<sup>23</sup> He must have been a man of modest education, as he signed his will by making a mark rather than by signing his name. He left an estate that was modest even by the standards of the nineteenth century, including 2 horses, 4 head of cattle, 5 sheep, 3 hogs, the usual household items and tools, a saddle, a sled and bell.

As was the custom the estate was sold at public sale, and among the relatives or probable relatives in attendance were John and Eleanor Brown, and Robert Shepherd. Neighbors at the sale were Henry Criggin, William Simms, John and Isaac Hagle, Jonathan and William Davisson, Jonathan Buffington, Thomas Batton, Alexander West, John Schoolcraft, Michael Bush, and Henry McWhorter, among others. Daniel and Patrick McCann from nearby McCann Run were in attendance.

Eleanor Brown survived her husband by at least three years, as she was listed as a householder living alone at the time of the taking of the 1810 Harrison County census. It does not appear that she ever married again.<sup>24</sup> It is likely that both John and Eleanor Brown are buried in the cemetery at the Broad Run Baptist Church. Several lists of the reputed children of John and Eleanor Brown have been circulated,<sup>25</sup> and from the best evidence available it appears that their children were:

- i. James Brown, born 1756 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. James married Sarah Shepherd about 1779, probably in the area of Patterson Creek in Hardy County, as her family lived in that area. James Brown died September 13, 1835 at Broad Run in Lewis County, W. Va.
- ii. ?Robert Brown?, born circa 1760, if he is a son of John Brown at all. This Robert Brown had the pioneer land grant adjoining the south end of John Sr.'s grant, but it is not known who Robert was, and he could in fact have been John's brother).<sup>26</sup> It is known that Robert Brown was deceased by December of 1814,<sup>27</sup> but the place of his death is not known. His land grant was in possession of James Brown by that time.
- iii. Edward Brown, born about 1763. He married Mary \_\_\_\_ and lived on Kincheloes Creek in Harrison County.

- iv. John J. Brown, born about 1764. He married Margaret, daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Wolf) Carpenter on May 4, 1791 in Harrison County. He died in 1835.
- v. ?Michael Brown? was probably a son of John and Eleanor. He was born about 1767 and married Mary Childers in 1789 in Harrison County. John McCann was surety in his marriage bond (see below).
- vi. Mary Brown, born October 26, 1769. She married Balser Flesher October 15, 1789 in Harrison County. Edward Brown was surety in the marriage bond and J. W. Loofbrough performed the ceremony. Mary Brown Flesher died July 16, 1844 in Muskingum County, Ohio.
- vii. Catherine Brown, born about 1770. She married John McCann in Harrison County October 31, 1789. Patrick McCann was surety in the marriage bond and J. W. Loofbrough performed the ceremony.
- viii. ?Stephen Brown?, born about 1770 was probably a son of John and Eleanor. Little is known of him but his name shows up in the list of purchasers at the estate sale of John Sleeth on Hackers Creek in 1794.
- ix. Sarah Brown, born 1775. She married Edward Tanner August 2, 1792 in Harrison County. James Brown and John McCann were sureties in the marriage bond. Sarah Brown is listed in the 1850 census of Falls township, Muskingum County, Ohio with her son Edward Tanner Jr. She died about 1855.

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<sup>1</sup> John Brown's birthplace is not known, and an article that appeared in "Hackers Creek Journal" (Vol. III # 1 October, 1984) quoted notes of Waldo Brown regarding a George Brown who came from Leicestershire, England to Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1679 and whose son, J. Elias Brown became the father of John Brown of Broad Run. However these "notes" are given without source or proof, and John Brown is known to have come to (West) Virginia from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania rather than Bucks County. According to History Of Cumberland And Adams Counties, Pennsylvania (Chicago; Warner, Beers, and Co, 1886) Cumberland County between 1743 and 1786 was primarily settled by persons of Irish descent. Another book, Biographical And Historical Memoirs Of Muskingum County, Ohio (Chicago, Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1892), carries a sketch of the grandson of John Brown, William C. Tanner, in which it is said that Tanner's mother, Sarah Brown was of Irish descent. At the time of this publication Tanner was living and he in fact probably supplied the information about his mother's family. Since he was a grandson of John Brown and Waldo Brown was a great grandson, and since it is known that Cumberland County was home to a number of unrelated Brown families from Ireland, I have accepted the Tanner account of the family origin rather than that of Waldo Brown. The International Genealogy Index of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints shows a John and Edward Brown, sons of a Robert Brown, christened in 1726 and 1729 at Lisburn in County Antrim, Ireland. Also shown is a Robert Brown, son of David, christened in a Presbyterian Church in County Armagh in 1708. A John Brown shows up among Presbyterians at Drumbo in County Down in 1700, and a James Brown is at Killyleagh in the same county in 1742. In County Londonderry a Robert, son of John Brown is shown at Magherafelt in 1719, and an Edward, son of Edward Brown is at Drumachose in 1746. The names of James and John Brown are recorded at Clones in County Monaghan in 1723, and a James Brown left a record at Donaghmore in County Tyrone in the 1740s. None of these Browns are known to have been relatives of our Brown family, but the names are the same, and their presence in the records establishes clearly the probable presence of our family in Ireland before 1750.

<sup>2</sup> The testimony of James Brown, son of John, in his (James') Revolutionary War pension file says that James was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in 1756.

<sup>3</sup> History Of Cumberland And Adams Counties *ibid*.

<sup>4</sup> Egle, William Henry, Notes And Queries Historical And Genealogical Chiefly Relating To Interior Pennsylvania, Reprint Of First And Second Series, Vol I, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1970. The names of Wallace and Cain both appear in the Hopewell list along with Brown, and these both are names associated with the Buckhannon and West Fork Rivers in the pioneer era.

<sup>5</sup> Eleanor Brown's maiden name is one of those tidbits of genealogical information that seems to float around between researchers but that has no discernible source or proof. However, if someone wished to guess at or fabricate a maiden name for Mrs. Brown it would not seem likely that "*Bogardus*" would be the first name they might think of. Therefore proof may yet surface of this. Numerous later associations between the families, including but not limited to the apparent naming of Brown children after Radcliffs, has led me to suspect that Eleanor Brown may have been related to the Radcliffs, but for the time being her maiden name is not definitely known.

<sup>6</sup> James Brown pension *ibid.* 30.

<sup>7</sup> "Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly" Vol. 2 # 3, February 1976. The name of Michael Bush also appears in this list, and here again we have another example of a name associated with early Buckhannon appearing in a Pennsylvania listing with a John Brown. The site of Fort Ligonier is now in Westmoreland County.

<sup>8</sup> It is not known exactly where in Hardy County John Brown settled, but it is thought that it was in the part that is now in Grant County.

<sup>9</sup> Edward Brown and John Brown II, sons of John and Eleanor, both born circa 1763/64, say in their respective pension testimonies that they were "*raised in Hardy County*".

<sup>10</sup> Withers, Alexander Scott, Chronicles Of Border Warfare (Clarksburg, Joseph Israel, 1831).

<sup>11</sup> Comstock, Jim, The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Volume 3, (Richwood, W. Va., Jim Comstock, 1974).

<sup>12</sup> See Haymond, Henry History Of Harrison County, (Morgantown, W. Va., Acme Publishing Co., 1910) - the name of John Brown appears in John Sleeth's list of tithables "*from the mouth of Lost Creek, upwards, including the whole of the livers in the West Fork settlement*". John Brown also appears in the 1785 Harrison County personal property tax list with two tithables in his household.

<sup>13</sup> Harrison County Survey Book 2, page 13 and 14.

<sup>14</sup> Harrison County Land Grant Book 3, Page 30. The grant for this tract says that it was granted by virtue of a certificate in right of settlement, but I have not been able to find where it was certified. Neither Core nor Haymond in their respective abstracts of the land commission records show a certification of a settlement right in the name of John Brown, and the pre 1778 settlement may well have been made by someone else, but if so one is left to wonder why the Brown land grant does not say that Brown was the assignee of some other person. See Haymond, *ibid.*; and Core, Earl L., The Monongalia Story, A Bicentennial History, Volume I, (Parsons, W. Va., McClain Printing Company, 1974.) Core claims to have included all of the settlement rights shown in the Record of Commissioners of Unpatented Lands at the Morgantown courthouse. I have not paged this record to make sure that the Browns were not missed. I doubt if they were, however, as Haymond did not make mention of a settlement right for Brown in his earlier abstract.

<sup>15</sup> Harrison County Land Grant Book 3, page 47.

<sup>16</sup> "*Broad Run And Its Pioneers*," The Weston Independent, 18 November, 1913 says that Brown's fort was about a mile from the mouth of Broad Run, but that distance may be a bit overestimated; Edward Conrad Smith in his History Of Lewis County (Weston, W. Va., 1920) says that the fort existed near the present day location of the Broad Run Church; a manuscript "*Early West Fork River Families*" by Levi Bond says that the fort existed on the site of the church; McWhorter, Lucullus Virgil, The Border Settlers Of Northwestern Virginia, reprint, in The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Supplemental Volume 12, (Richwood, Jim Comstock, 1974), says that reference is made to Brown's fort in the pension proceedings of John Brown Jr., in a statement by Isaac Washburn; West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Vol 3, Richwood, Jim Comstock, 1976, in an article about the Brown family, says that the fort was called "*Fort Mongue*", and this name has become the most accepted name for Brown's Fort. However, authentic information regarding these old blockhouses is sometimes hard to come by, and in fact one George Mong is listed in the 1810 Harrison County census next door to the widowed Eleanor Brown. For this reason it

seems somewhat questionable that the fort was called "*Mongue*" originally. Perhaps it suffered the same fate as the fort at Mill Creek, Randolph County, West Virginia, which was originally called "*Westfall's Fort*" but locally became known as the "*Currence Fort*" after William Currence Jr. bought the property. Maybe George Mung (sic) was living in the former fort structure in 1810, and it has since borne his name.

<sup>17</sup> "*Broad Run And It's Pioneers*", *ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> McWhorter, *ibid.*, The narrative does not say which Mr. Brown was Hughes' hunting companion, but John Sr. seems the most likely candidate, even though he was not the namesake of Brown's Run. The Hughes family were settlers on Hackers Creek near to where John Brown Sr. lived, rather than lower down near Brown's Run. If Hughes' hunting companion that day was a member of the Broad Run family then the fact that Brown seemed unable to weather the chase may suggest that it was John Sr., who would have been in his 60s at the time.

<sup>19</sup> Harrison County Deed Book 1, page 200.

<sup>20</sup> *ibid.*, page 324.

<sup>21</sup> As is usual with old forts, it is often difficult to gather authentic history regarding the beginnings of old churches. Persons interested in the Broad Run Church are fortunate to have information in two old law suits, although even this first hand information may be somewhat confused. The traditional dates for the formation of the congregation at Broad Run has been given variously as 1808 or 1817, depending on which authority one consults. However, it may have been even earlier. Papers in the Lewis County law suit file of BROWN VS BROWN, September of 1840 in the Circuit Court of Lewis County, say that one John Brown had about 1809 donated a lot of land for a church and burying ground, for the "*Regular Baptist Congregation*", and that Brown gave a title bond (a promise to convey a tract of land) to Reverend John Davis. The narration in the bill of complaint in BROWN VS BROWN goes on to say that subsequently John Brown sold the remainder of the tract from which the church lot came to one "*Morris*" who subsequently sold it to one Philip Cox who in turn sold it "*back to John Brown*". A plat of the Brown land grant and subsequent subdivisions will confirm that the church lot came out of the portion that John Brown Sr. sold to John Morrison (not "*Morris*"), and since this transaction was late in 1804, the reservation of the land for the church and cemetery must have been prior to that time, and this should prove that Broad Run Baptist Church dates to at least 1804. This Reverend John Davis, who later became the father in law of John Brown Sr.'s grandson Robert Brown, seems to have been everywhere, and biographical information on him says that he had a saw mill ten miles west of Clarksburg in 1802, and about 1806 moved to a farm on Hackers Creek. Perhaps he moved there to oversee the nativity of the little Baptist Church there. The Broad Run Sesquicentennial, the official history of the church (Jane Lew, W. Va., 1975), says that the congregation grew out of a meeting formed in 1804 by Reverend John Carney on Duck Creek in Harrison County. However, it appears that Brown's reservation of the church property predates the Duck Creek congregation, and Hardesty writes that about 1810 Reverend Davis was an early preacher at meetings held at the house of George Woofter at present Freemansburg, Lewis County. So aside from the pre 1804 date the early history of the Broad Run congregation is unclear. The land that the church was situated on, as has been said, came back into the Brown family, but this time the owner was John Brown Jr., and he died in 1835 and his heirs sold their farm to Benjamin Lightburn. Reverend Davis had moved to Ohio for a short time, and then back to Harrison County, and had given the title bond for the church to Cummins Jackson. Lightburn made an effort to take back control of the property, and announced that henceforth the church would be non-denominational, open to any christian sect with a desire to worship there. The litigation in BROWN vs BROWN was a successful effort to block this move by Lightburn, and to have the court order that a deed be issued to them for the church property. The Bill of complaint states that the Baptists "*contributed large sums of money and labor and erected a meeting house on an acre of ground in the year 1811 for the Regular Baptist Church to be called the Broad Run Church*". Lightburn finally deeded the lot to the church in August of 1841, and the deed is in Deed Book H at page 31. The congregation got another small piece of land from J. H. Bailey for \$25.00, this being southwest of the church building on both sides of the creek. By 1880 the cemetery was getting full, and separate condemnation proceedings on two lots of ground were brought against the owners by the congregation in 1880 and in 1903, and through these the remainder of the present cemetery was acquired. Here rest the mortal remains of several generations of the Brown family and their relatives. See also

information in the law suit *Broad Run Cemetery Association vs William Green And Others*, Lewis County Circuit Court; Davis, Susie Nicholson, *Davis -The Settlers Of Salem, West Virginia*, (Strasburg, Ohio, Gordon Printing Inc., 1979); Hiram Hardesty's History of Lewis County in *The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Supplemental Volume Five*; and sources above.

<sup>22</sup> *Harrison County Will Book 1*, page 375

<sup>23</sup> *ibid*

<sup>24</sup> Some researchers have thought that as a widow Eleanor Brown married Thomas Van Horn, but this is not so. The Van Horns were in fact married in 1812, but they are listed in the 1850 Harrison County census and Eleanor Brown Van Horn is age 57 and thus born 1793, a bit young to be the widow of John Brown Sr.

<sup>25</sup> Unfortunately not all of the lists of children of John Brown that have been circulated are entirely accurate. One list gives Eleanor Brown who married Daniel Ward as a daughter, but this lady never in fact existed for it was Eleanor BRIAN (not Brown) who married Daniel Ward in Harrison County. John Brown Sr. names children John and Mary in his will, and the pension files of John Jr., Edward and James Brown identify them as brothers. The father of Sarah and Catherine Brown is named in their marriage bonds. These examples are as much as is available to prove who the children of John Brown Sr. were: Robert, Michael, and Stephen are placed with him based on circumstantial evidence, and their respective family origins are not proven. There may also yet prove to be other children that are presently unaccounted for.

<sup>26</sup> A traditional account in Barr Wilson's *The Carpenter Family* (Toll Gate, W. Va., 1971) says that the "*Brown Brothers*" built the fort at Broad Run. Possibly the author was referring to John Jr. and James Brown, but if one is to be completely technical the fort was built on John Sr.'s land so this could also be taken as implying that a brother came with him. See also John and Robert Brown above footnote #7.

<sup>27</sup> *Harrison County Deed Book 12*, page 155.

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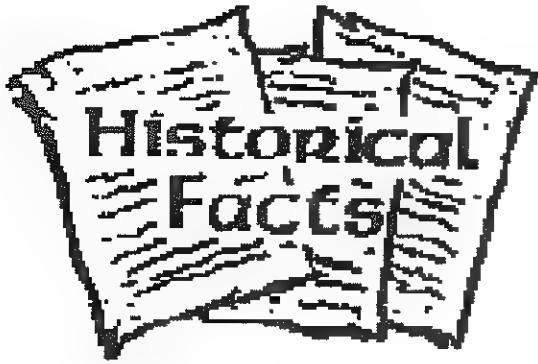
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*Like everyone else on this list I collect various things that relate to areas where my family lived. The petition below is one of those items and since some of the names have been mentioned by others I thought the whole group might like to read it..*

*RJNealWV@aol.com*

A Petition dated Dec. 10, 1830 re:fd. to roads...

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Virginia, your petitioners humbly sheweth that February 11, 1822 there was an act passed declaring Elk river in the County of Kanawha as far as the fork lick to be a public highway, whereas it is impractical ever to be made such higher up the river than the lands owned and known by the name of Jeremiah Carpenter's old place in Nicholas County, the nature of the river above that is such rapid current and tremendous falls that no canoe, or water craft, could possibly pass up with any kind of load at any stage of water and would serve only to float timbers down, and for twenty or thirty miles up said river above Carpenters it is so bound in with cliffs and mountains that there can be no settlements made. Your petitioners therefore humbly beg that so much of that act as declares said Elk river to be public highway higher up the said river than to the Union Mills, now erecting at or near said Jeremiah Carpenter's old place be repealed and they will ever pray.

Asa Squires  
Taylor Squires  
Asa Squires, Jr  
H. Camden  
Adam Bumgarner  
Adam Lough  
George Heckert  
John S. Camden  
John Heckert  
Lorenzo D. Camden  
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George McWaine  
John Carpenter  
Amos Carpenter  
Pike Carpenter  
Samuel Skidmore  
Sollomon Carpenter  
Peter Cogger  
Benjamin Cogger  
Ab Hose  
Daniel Heackert  
Jeremiah Carpenter

*A Petition from Sundry inhabitants of the County of Nicholas praying a repeal of so much of an Act passed 1822 as relates to the bed of Elk river, being declared a publick highway from the Union Mills to Fork Lick.*

Dec. 27, 1830 refd. to Roads

To the honorable, the General Assembly of Virginia

The petitioners of Nicholas County humbly sheweth that February 11, 1822 (page 41) there was an act passed declaring Elk river in Kanawha as far as the fork lick to be any stage of water to go up with any kind of craft, or load, higher than the Union Mills at or near Jeremiah Carpenters old place and that the bed of said river from them Mills up are so situate with large rocks & such very rapid falls that it will ever be impracticable even to make it possible for canoes and them empty. Your petitioners humbly pray that you may repeal so much of that law as relates to the bed of said river from the fork lick down to the Union Mills at Jeremiah Carpenters old place and in duty bound will ever pray.

Asa Squires  
William Morrison  
Jacob Gibson  
Sollomon Carpenter  
Benjamin Cogger, Senr.  
Benjamin Cogger, Junr.  
Lewis Perrine  
H. Camden  
Lorenzo D. Camden  
H. R. Davis  
Daniel Cogger

Andrew Perrine  
Joseph Perrine, Senr.  
John Galsberry  
John Hoffman  
S. H. Camden  
Thos. B. Friend  
Henry Davis  
George McWain  
Peter Cogger  
Joseph Perrine, Junr.

The Session of 1822 there was a petition sent on praying that the navigation of Elk river might be extended from the mouth of Granneys creek up to the mouth of Holly that is about two miles below the Union mills and at the request of some one individual it was extended up to the fork lick.

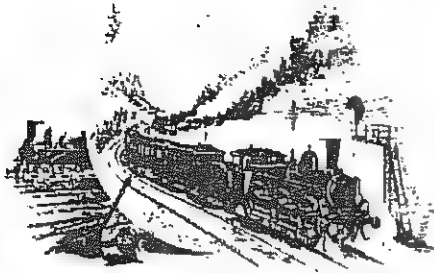
We do further certify that we are well acquainted with Elk river from the fork lick down and further that we are well acquainted with boating and canoeing on said river and it is impossible to go either up or down from the fork lick to the Union Mills in sasfey at any stage of water even with an empty canoe on account of the many dangerous rocks and raped falls that is in the bed of the river. Given under our hands:

Lewis Perrine  
Sollomon Carpenter  
Benjamon Cogger  
Peter Cogger



## THE WILLIAM REGER STORY

**CONTINUES...** Weston Independent", 5 May. 1948



People from miles away gathered along the line to see the train go through. I, with my brothers and other children, went across the hill at the head of Laurel Lick to see the train climb the "Buckhannon Mountain." This was a heavy grade and many of the "old timers"

prophesied it would never make it, but it did.

There were immense timber reserves and forests on beyond Buckhannon, near Elkins and Pickens, which soon became the center of the lumber industry in that part of the state which lasted for many years. Now that the lumber and a large part of the coal has been stripped from this territory, including Lewis and Braxton Counties, the railroad has been abandoned and the tracks between Weston and Buckhannon removed.

While it must be admitted that the railroad was an important factor in the development of the country through which it passed, after helping to strip it of its resources, and probably piling up big profits for itself, has pulled out and left the country to get along as best it can. Giving way to what we call "progress" the business of the communities must now be carried on by motor cars, trucks, buses and airplanes.

While all this was going on, the part played by the church, school, the village store and other activities in community life, a description of which follows, must not be forgotten.



### The Church

Father and mother were religiously inclined and active members of the Methodist Protestant Church as far back as I can remember. The preaching was done y Circuit Riders who usually came once a month. They were fairly well educated, long-winded and preached *fire and brimstone and the wrath to come* to the limit. The preachers during the time of this writing were – M.L. Barnett, E.J. Wilson and J.I. Vincent, followed, I believe by Rev. McKeever.

We lived about County Seat, the and I am sure that and some of the been that far from Village Store, to come miles away, but among relatives, if any were in the vicinity, and neighbors there were few places to go.

**The sinners sat on the rear seats and there seemed to be a distinct line of demarcation between them and the church members**

eight miles from the nearest town (Weston), many of the children grown-ups had never home. There was the later, nearly three outside of visiting

In addition to the preaching service once a month there was Sunday School every Sunday. Class Meeting every two weeks and invariable, the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Partly from religious inclinations and partly because there were few other places to go, nearly everybody went to church. The preaching service was the big event and was attended by Saints and Sinners alike. The sinners sat on the rear seats and there seemed to be a distinct line of demarcation between them and the church members. At any rate, everybody knew who was a church member and who was not.

The sermon was directed usually at the sinners, warning them of the eternal punishment that would be theirs if they did not repent, the uncertainty of life, etc., leaving the members to infer that the same things would happen to them if they ever failed to walk in the straight and narrow way.

Each winter usually in January or February there would be a revival (protracted meeting) service at the church lasting for two or three weeks. Services were held at 10 AM and each evening about 7 PM every day except Saturday. Nearly everybody in the community would attend, coming on horseback and often in sleds, filled with hay and blankets, which would often accommodate the whole family. The school would be dismissed and headed by the teacher, the entire school would attend in a body. After the services, back to school to eat our lunch, play awhile and proceed as usual in the afternoon. We would hurry home after school, do our chores and the whole family was off to attend the evening service. The women sat on one side of the aisle and the men on the other side. This was the established custom and rarely if ever violated.

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The people were reverent and took their religion seriously. The idea seemed to be just what they called it - a "revival". They sought to strengthen and increase their faith in spiritual things, reclaim any who had wandered from the fold since the previous meetings and concentrate their efforts toward converting the so-called sinners who had never joined the church. They were usually successful in getting several new accessions which was gratifying to the entire membership.

It was not unusual that some of the brethren who had been at odds over trifles, such as stock trespassing, party lines between farms, tale bearing or other unkind acts of various kinds, to become reconciled and again united in the spirit of good will that prevailed on account of the revival.

In these days we frequently hear some of the "old timers" speak of the "Shouting Methodist" in the early days, something that has almost entirely disappeared and which would seem much out of place in our modern churches. In these revival meetings it was not unusual for several of the brethren and sisters to

take over the meeting with shouts of "Amen", and "Hallelujah," "Glory to God" and so on. They would race all over the church shaking hands with every body, hug each other, climb over the benches and keep this up until they were well nigh exhausted. No doubt they had a tinge of religious fervor but sometimes they seemed to carry it to extremes and the ones who could keep it up the longest or make the most noise were the best Christians.

This would happen to some of the most devout and sincere believers, but, in many cases it was done by what was called "protracted meeting Christians;" after the meeting was over they would seldom be seen around church until the next protracted meeting was held.

Looking back over the years, it does seem that these people, many of whom were unlearned and very poor, attained a spirit of unity and a sense of reality called "Christian experience;" that is rarely seen in our churches today. Another observation is that no one could join the church by signing a card, holding up his hand or through influence of any kind, but had to go before the altar or "mourner's bench" and be converted by publicly acknowledging his sins and declaring his intention of leading a new life as a follower of the faith of his fathers; he could also join on probation, which was quite severe, if he was not satisfied that his conversion was quite complete.

Some of the neighbors and friends near father and mother's age of Laurel Lick were: Noah Taylor, Uncle Billy Lawson, Calvin Radabaugh, "Dock" Morrison, \_\_\_\_\_Hersman, Francis Taylor, Frank Boram, Peter G. Swisher, "Dock" Smith, Henry Corathers, Mrs. "Edie" Swisher, Olive Waggoner, David Hinzman, "Uncle Jack" Boram, Thomas Bice, Marcella Hinzman.

The wives of the above named persons are of course included and their influence in the community was remarkable as they had a way of "stirring things up" if any stirring up was necessary.

*To Be Continued*

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## Library of Virginia Digital Collections

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the completion of Phase I of its Digital Library Project. The Project, initiated in 1995, preserves significant Virginia archival and library collections and extends access to these collections to anyone with Internet access. The Project is available via the Library of Virginia Home Page (<http://leo.vsla.edu/lva/lva.html>). Over 600,000 images were scanned, and 40 electronic finding aids were created to access the images as well as other materials in the Library's collection. The major components of Phase I are the Virginia Colonial Records Project, the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photograph Collection, the collection of family Bible records, and the Electronic Card Indexes Project (indexes to 36 separate archival and library collections).

The Electronic Card Index Project digitized and preserved more than 850,000 deteriorating catalog cards, comprising 36 unique finding aids to archival and library collections. High-resolution scanning processes preserved these rare finding aids which were previously available only to on-site library patrons.

More than 500,000 microfilm images of the Library's Land Office Patent and Grants collection were scanned and will be linked to the corresponding electronic card index that is currently available.

The images will be available by the end of September.

The Virginia Colonial Records Project was established in the 1950s to survey and reconstitute Virginia's colonial documentary history located in more than 100 British and European repositories. The Library's bibliographic index contains references to more than 500,000 personal names and ship names found in 28,000 pages of. Survey Reports which describe the archival holdings located in the various repositories. Links from the index to the digitized images of the Survey Reports provide online access to the Reports.

The Library's extensive family Bible Records collection is often the only source of Virginia vital statistics prior to 1853 and from 1896 through 1912. A bibliographic index to this collection already exists. All of the Library's 100,000 Bible records have been scanned, and the images will be linked to the index.

The images will be available by the end of September.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Photograph Collection consists of 3,500 black and white photographs taken during World War II at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation. Signal Corps photographers and port historians documented the enormous amount of activity which took place at this major military center. The scanned images of the photographs are linked to an index, which is keyword searchable by personal name, ship name, place name, and other terms.

Phase II of the Project, scheduled for completion by September. 1996, will provide an additional one million digital images of historic archival and library documents, as well as new electronic finding aids.

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1. Still searching for parents &/or American entry information for brothers **FREDERICK b.? & DANIEL F. STEINBECK/STINEBECK/STEINBACH**. Daniel b. 1777 lived Baltimore, MD. in 1800; then moved to Cape Girardeau, MO area (Louisanna Territory). **FREDERICK** married **HENRY ECKHART/ECKERT's** daughter **SARAH (SALLY)** before 1800, settled in Hardy & Hampshire Co., VA, had ch. **WILLIAM m. ZILPHY POE, MO; HENRY D. m. JULIA ANN CAPITO** in Pendleton Co., VA; **ELIZABETH (Betsy Ann) m. AARON CLARKE** 1825 Hardy Co., VA; & **CHRISTIAN**. **FREDERICK** d. 1823 Romney, VA. Contact: Shirley Toohey, 1140 N. Circle Dr., La Habra, CA or E-mail: 209-2617@MCIMAIL.com

2. Researching "Old Ruble Church", ggg grandfather, **AARON RUBLE** is said to have helped build it. Contact: Robert & Jean Moffitt, 2050 S. Wilson Ave. Tucson, AZ 85713 or E-mail rsmjdm@AZSTARNET.com.

3. **BERNARD THOMAS WOODRING**, b. 8/1914, d. 7/23/1951, Father: **GILBERT W. WOODRING**, b. 9/15/1892, Wirt Co., WV; d. 6/6/1969 Bellevue, OH. Mother: **LILLIE OCEOLA RUBLE WOODRING**, b. 11/10/1888, Wirt Co., WV d. 5/8/1961, Norwalk, OH; Sisters: **FLOSSIE JANE, BLANCHE OCEOLA, LUCY ALIVIVIAN**. Brother: **ODREY DELBERT WOODRING**. Married: **GERALDINE WESTFALL**, one daughter, **MILDRED**. **GERALDINE** died of a heart attack at 18 years old. Married: **FRANCIS CASEY**, one son **BERNARD CARL** (approx. 1941) and one

daughter, **LINDA. BERNARD.** worked at the Colgate, Palmolive, Peat soap factory. He was murdered by gunshot, July 23, 1951 in Jeffersonville, IN. Buried in the New Albany National Cemetery which is just outside Jeffersonville, IN.

**Wanted:** Newspaper accounts of murder, trial of murderer, sentencing, and obituary.

**Wanted:** Copies of birth/death/marriage certificates and military service records.

Would like to contact any of the children of **BERNARD THOMAS WOODRING** as they would be my first cousins. Contact: **Donna "Jean" Roberts Moffitt**, 2050 S. Wilson Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713 or E-mail: [rsmdjm@AZSTARNET.com](mailto:rsmdjm@AZSTARNET.com).

4. In 1940 **ALBERT J. HARDMAN** supplied family history for an article in the Weston Independent. Seeking whereabouts of family Bible or other records he might have used to supply this information. I am researching the following WV connected names: **HARDMAN/LAW/BONNEY/FELL**. Contact: **Charles E. Linsley**, 651 Shawnee Lane, San Jose, CA 95123 or E-mail: [linsley@sierrasemi.com](mailto:linsley@sierrasemi.com) or [linsley@netcom.com](mailto:linsley@netcom.com).

5. Looking for names of parents of **JOHN RIFFLE** and **AMANDA CONRAD**. **JOHN** was 23 and **AMANDA** 21 when they were married 19 Nov. 1858 in Braxton Co., WV. Contact: **Carren Bragg**, 2620 N. Pocomoke St., Arlington, VA 22207-1004.

6. I would like to correspond with any descendant of **BARBARA BARNHOUSE COONTZ** who died in Barbour Co., WV on August 25, 1855. She was the wife of **PHILIP COONTZ** and d/o **JOHN BARNHOUSE**.

Also would like to correspond with any descendant of **SAMUEL MOORE** or **WILLIAM MOORE** who lived in Ohio Co., WV in 1810. Contact: **Anna M. Moore**, 5209 SW 32nd Terrace., Topeka, KS 66614-4014.

7. **Michael O. Gould**, 3713 Edgewater Dr., Vermilion, OH 44089 seeks the following:

- Info on **RALPH H. ROHRBOUGH** b. 1890 Upshur Co., s/o **MELROSE** and **PUDIE (SMITH) RHORBOUGH**.
- Parents of **CALEB HINKLE** (1820-1899) who m. **ELIZABETH VANDEVENDER** (1825-1879). Both d. Braxton Co., WV. Who were her parents?
- Who were the parents of **REBECCA WILLIAMS** (1807-1882) who m. **ISAAC BENDER** in Lewis Co., 6 Nov. 1828.
- Seeking photos of the following : **SILAS D. HELMICK** (1821-1929), **JACOB D. H. WAUGH** (1855-1934), **BROWN M. WAUGH** (1833-1911), **JACOB WAUGH** (1812-1884), **JAMES W. WATSON** (1820-1898), **ELZA HACKLOX** (1814-1899), **SMITH KITTLE** (1823-1900), **DICEY A. SANDERS** (1820-1903), **ALFRED SIMS** (1816-1902), **GEORGE CUTRIGHT** (1816-1894), **JESSE LEMONS** (1820-1887).

8. I am looking for data on a **WILLIAM HALL** and **POLLY SIMMONS** m. 17 Oct. 1797 Kanawha Co., WV. Their siblings, etc. Also data on a **JOSEPH HALL** and **MARGARET DRAKE** m. 20 Apr. 1854 Kanawha Co., WV.

In the PA Archives, 6th Series, Vol. 14, p. 296-299 a **CHRISTOPHER TRUBY** signed a Rev. petition in Westmoreland Co., PA along with others. Wonder is this could be the **CHRISTOPHER** with **JOHN TRUBY** in Monongalia Co., VA 1782 tax list. Contact: **Debbie Malec**, PO Box 167, Waterford, OH 45786.

9. **Bette Butcher Topp**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Ct., Spokane, WA 99218-2917 seeks the following:

- **CHARLES FISHER** b. ca 1765 was m. to **EUNICE STRATTON** ca 1789. Where? She was d/o **SERIAH STRATTON** and **CATHERINE**. Need surname for **CATHERINE**. **EUNICE** b. 11

- Nov. 1771 - maybe in Harrison Co. WV. **CHARLES** was s/o **GEORGE FISHER, SR.** Was his mother **ELIZABETH CONRAD**? She was possibly the d/o **JACOB CONRAD** and who?
- **JACOB BUSH** m. **MARGARET SWAN/SNARR** ca 1779 possibly Hampshire Co., VA. Who were the parents and siblings of **MARGARET**? Need more info on her. She d. 28 Jul. 1847 Horn Creek, Gilmer Co., WV. **JACOB** d. 27 Nov. 1832.
  - Isn't anyone working on the family of **HENRY GLAZE**? Was he really from OH as he stated in the 1850 Lewis Co., federal census? Where? Need his parents and siblings. He m. **SOPHIA MEANS** ca 1826 - where? They both d. in Reedy, Roane Co., WV- Henry in 1876 and Sophia in 1895. Need any help at all.
  - **FRANCIS BURRELL** possibly father of **REBECCA BURRELL** who m. **AARON HENRY**. She d. aft 1824 - need exact date and place (poss. Monongalia Co.,) Need the w/o **FRANCIS** and all his vital data. He was living in Monongalia Co.
  - Does anyone have the wife of **JACOB ARGABRIGHT** who he m. 4 Dec. 1784. **JACOB** d. in Monroe Co., (W) V 9 Nov. 1853. Know nothing about his wife - who was she? They had son **ISAAC** who was b. 1808 and m. **ELIZABETH SWOPE** in Jan. 1829. They all lived near Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., (W) V. **ISAAC** d. 7 Feb 1856 in Reedy, Roane Co., (W)V. **BETSY** d. there 1858.
  - **THOMAS LEGG** had son **THOMAS LEGG JR.** b. ca 1750. The family is believed to have been from the Prince William Co., area. **THOMAS JR.** m. ca 1779 to an **ELIZABETH HUGHES**. Was there really such a person? Cannot find her parents in all the Hughes families in the area at the time. **THOMAS JR.** had will dated Sept. 1808 in Monroe Co. (W)V. Their known children were: **AMY** m. **CHAS. SHAVER**; **FRANCES/FANNY** m. **JONATHAN SWOPE**; **RUTH** m. **JOHN MCNUTT**; and **THOMAS III** m. **BETSY NUTTER**. I find an **ELIZABETH LEGG** who was buried Mar. 1831 in S. Methodist Piniel Cemetery in Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., (W) V. **ELIZABETH** must have been born without benefits of parents. Help?
10. Seek proof of birth of **COLUMBUS DORAN**, s/o **JOHN** and **SARAH ELIZABETH DAY**, b. 19 Jan. 1858, Harrison Co., (W)V. In 1850 **JOHN DORAN**, a Roman Catholic of Harford Co., MD, m. **SARAH ELIZABETH DAY**, a Baptist of York Co., PA, in a Methodist Church in PA. **JOHN**, his brother **FRANCIS**, and their sister **HILDALIDE** sold their inherited farms in Harford Co. in 1850 and moved with their wives. **SARAH AND LENA(H)DAY** and 2 children of **FRANCIS** and **LENAH** to Wheeling, VA. Later they moved south to farms in Marshall and Wetzel counties. **FRANCIS** became a county surveyor and **JOHN** became a traveling barn builder and engineer. The two sisters, **SARAH AND LENA(H) DAY** **DORAN** may have had relatives living in Harrison and nearby counties: such as **JOHN DAY** of Ten Mile Creek, or Beards Run of Simpson Creek; **JOSEPH DAY** of Randolph Co. (2nd or 3rd cousins). **JOHN DORAN** died in 1864 in the Union Army and his family returned to Harford Co., MD. Contact: Henry K. Bowers, 604 Hatherleigh Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212-1651.
11. Need birth or death records for **BENJAMIN ALLMAN** b. 1780/85 Delaware or Maryland?, father possibly **ABRAHAM**, mother ? Need info on **BENJAMIN'S** wife: **MARY MCCULLOUGH** b. 1790-95 PA, d. 27 Nov. 1868, buried Roberts Ridge, WV. Cannot find her father's family. His name: **JOHN MCCULLOUGH**. He was possibly married to **LYDIA HICKMAN**. **FREDERICK ALLMAN** the son of **BENJAMIN ALLMAN** b. 1785 married to **MARY MCCULLOUGH**, my 5th gr. grandparents. I know that there was **FREDERICK, GEORGE WASHINGTON** (my 4th gr. grandfather married to **SARAH ANN HUNTER**), **BENJAMIN JR.** b. 1833/4( married to **ELIZABETH CAPLINGER**), **FREDERICK'S** mother **MARY MCCULLOUGH** is buried at Roberts Ridge, she born 1795 PA., but cannot connect her husband **BENJAMIN ALLMAN** to all the other Allman's from MD, or PA. Having great difficulty. Maybe **BENJAMIN SR.** had siblings? Perhaps can connect and find parents through them. Need to know if my Allman's were in the Amer. Rev. Trying to get into the DAR. I'm in a mess with all the names I am related to. **HOOD, NORRIS, HUNTER, MCCULLOUGH** (which McCullough clan), **RINE, BARCUS, DOTY**. My uncle **JOHN HAMILTON ALLMAN** (grandson of

**BENJAMIN SR. and MARY MCCULLOUGH**) married **IDA BELLE BRIGGS**, gr. granddaughter of **JACOB WETZEL**, niece of **LEWIS WETZEL**. My cousin was **C. B. ALLMAN**. Need help. Contact: **Mary A. Zervos**, 28 William St, Copiague, NY 11726-3716 or E-mail: **LXXX86A@prodigy.com**.

12. **Patricia G. Viellenave**, Rt. #1 Box 36-9, French Creek, WV 26218 seeks the following:

- Searching for info on **PHILLIP THOMAS**, b. 1600, Wales; d. 1675, Anne Arundel Co., MD; and **SARAH HARRISON** b. ?; d. 11/25/1687, may have had 2nd marriage to **WILLIAM RICHARDSON**. **PHILLIP** and **SARAH** had a dau. **ELIZABETH**, who 1st m. **WILLIAM COALE**, 2nd **EDWARD TALBOTT**. Need parents, dates/places of birth, death, marriage and their children/ Also location of this family in America.
- Searching for info on **JAMES MCCAULEY**, date/place of birth unknown, and **ELIZABETH CATHERINE WATSON**. Only known child is **SUSANNAH MCCAULEY**, b 4/25/1788 Pendelton Co., (W)V. Who were their parents? When and where were they born/married? Need their children, etc. Some think that **ANTHONY MCCAULEY** could be the father of **JAMES**.
- Searching for info on **JONATHAN EDWARDS** b. 1703; d 1758 places unknown and possible wife named **ISABEL**. If not her, who was his wife/parents/children? Only known child is **EDWARD EDWARDS** b ca middle 1700's in VA., m. **ANN BIBB/BIBBS**. One source feels that his father was a **EDWARD EDWARDS** d. 1694 in MD. (Will Bk:2:313).
- Searching for info on **EDWARD EDWARDS** b. ca middle 1700's in VA and **ANN BIBBS** b. VA. Who was **EDWARD'S** mother? Where in VA was **Edward** born? When and where were **Edward** and **Ann** married? Who were **ANN'S** parents, where was she born? Only known child is **MALINDA EDWARDS**, birth/place unknown, she m. **EDWARD BROWN**. Who are the other children of **EDWARD** and **ANN**?
- Searching for any/all info on **KELLIS GARRISON**, thought to be a Rev. War soldier. Where from and where did he live out his days. All I have is he was the father of **MOURNING (GARRISON) HODGES**, b. 4/25/1800; d. 1872, thought to have been Upshur Co., WV., m. **JAMES CARTER SHACKLEFORD/SHACKELFORD** 5/11 or 5/14/1825, Albermarle Co., VA. I have never found him on any census or pension record's. Who were his parent's and siblings?
- Searching for the burial place of **JOHN RYAN HODGES**, b. 1811 Albemarle Co., VA; d. 8/27/1892 nr. Lorentz, Upshur Co., WV. Records say he is buried nr. Lorentz in Upshur Co., WV and **ELIZABETH WARREN (BROWN) HODGES** b. 1815 VA; d. 1883, thought be Upshur Co., WV. Also need parent's of **JOHN**. When and where did they marry? One record has 1846 but their 1st child was born in 1834. Where in VA was **ELIZABETH** born?
- Searching for the burial place of **JAMES CARTER SHACKLEFORD/SHACKELFORD** b. 5/5/1794, Fluvanna Co. VA; d. 5/31/1878, Upshur Co., WV and **MOURNING (GARRISON) SHACKLEFORD**, b. 4/25/1800; d. 1872, thought to be in Upshur Co., WV. They married 5/11 or 5/14/1825 Albermarle Co., VA.
- Searching to find where **MARGARET (CALDER) HAYMOND**, bpt: 12/10/1701 Scotland, went after her husband **JOHN HAYMOND**, b. ? could have been England, d. 9/27 to 10/20/1750 Frederick Co., MD. Did she remarry? Did she move to Morgantown, WV with her son's **WILLIAM** and **JOHN**? They m. Aug. 23, 1723, Prince George's Co., MD. Who were her parents? Some think they could be **WILLIAM CALDER** of Scotland and **JANET HENDERSON** of Scotland.
- Searching for parents/birth/death/places of **WILLIAM WILSON** b. thought to be Ulster Co., Ireland; d. Trout Run, VA/WV and **ELIZABETH BLACKBURN**. Any info on this family, their children and etc.
- Searching for info on **CLELAND/CLELLAND** family. **THOMAS**, b. 5/26/1702; d. 1768 and **JANE SMITH**, b. 1719; d. by 1762. Dau. **CASSANDRA** m. in Harrison Co., (W)V, 4/19/1763 to **WILLIAM HAYMOND**. Need place of bith for **Thomas** and **Jane**. Who were **THOMAS'** parents. Also need other children of **THOMAS** and **JANE**. Anything on this family.
- Searching for info on **NANCY RYAN** b. ca 1848 VA. Who were her parents and siblings? Where in VA was she born? It is thought that she m. **THOMAS EGAR HODGES**, ca 1834-1936

and one child was **JOHN RYAN HODGES**, b. 1811, VA; d. 5/31/1878, Upshur Co., WV. Need all info on birth/death/marriage and her parents and children.

13. Help please? My gr-gr-grandparents were **JACOB** and **ELIZABETH (KELLER) SNIDER**, who were married before 1816, lived in Pendleton Co., and moved to Lewis CO. in the late 1830's. **JACOB** was the first tollgate keeper on the S-P Turnpike at Pickle Street, according to the Lewis County Pictorial History. I have been trying to find concrete evidence of their parentage. **JACOB** is said to have been the son of **JOHN AND ROSELLA (ROLSCH) SNIDER**. I have found evidence that **JOHN'S** wife may have been "**SUSANNAH**". Was **JOHN** married twice? Were **ROSELLA** and **SUSANNAH** the same person? The "**JOHN AND ROSELLA STORY**" has been circulating for a long time, usually with almost the same wording. The earliest version I have seen is a family history narrative by **MAUDE (SNIDER) PRICE**, a descendant of **JACOB SNIDER'S** son **JOAB** and wife **NANCY BRANNON**, which was date - stamped by the Newberry Library in Chicago in the 1950's. **MRS. PRICE** indicated that her sources were other descendants still alive when she was collecting information for her narrative. The most recent version of the story I have seen is on the Internet!!

- **ELIZABETH KELLER** is said to have been the daughter of **JOSEPH** and **KITTY (DELEAK) KELLER** of Cumberland, MD. Several researchers, including myself, have tried in vain to find the **KELLER/KELLAR** family in MD. There is a **JOSEPH KELLER** in VA, in the county across the river from Cumberland, MD in the early 1800s, but I have found nothing to show that **ELIZABETH** was part of that family.
- Does anyone have Bible records, letters, diaries, or other public or non-public records that would substantiate or disprove the **JOHN-ROSELLA** connection or the **JOHN-SUSANNAH** connection? I would be very grateful if you would contact me, and I would be more than happy to pay any duplicating/postage costs for such information. Contact: **Eleanor Snyder Herndon**, 1321 W. Platinum, Butte, MT 58701-2125.

14. What means (advertising, European agents, Baltimore agents or other) did the B & O Railroad use to recruit Irish immigrants during the Civil War? -- AND especially for recruiting for Clarksburg, WV? Contact: **Wm. D. Moore**, 4154 Chelmsford Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

15. Interested in the surnames **BALLENTINE, CAPTIO, GAY, ECKERT, RATLIFF, SHIELD, SINGLETON, STEINBECK, TAYLOR, THOMAS**. I would be glad to share the information and what pictures that I have with other interested persons. Contact: **Paul Frazier**, 711 W Main St., Hardin, IL 61047, 618-576-2238 or E-mail: [Paul\\_Frazier@pcusa.org](mailto:Paul_Frazier@pcusa.org).

16. **Sonya B. Post**, 11364 Countyline Rd., Bent Mountain, VA 24059 seeks info on the following:

- **COOKMAN, JEREMIAH** 1795-1860, m. 9 Jan. 1818 **ELIZABETH (BETSY) TRACY** 1795-1882.
- **COZART, JACQUES, SR.** ca 1595, Leyden, m. **RACHEL GELTON** (Leige, Belgium).
- **CRUMRINE (KRUMREIN), GEORG** ca 1719 poss. Germany m. **EVA MARIA** ?
- **HACKER, NANCY ANN** m. **JAMES KEITH**.
- **HUGHES, THOMAS, SR.** d. 4 May 1778, m. ca 1742 **MARY SUSANNAH BAKER** ca 1723-1764.
- **HURST, NANCY** ca 1791-1855, m. **ELIJAH KING**, 6 Feb. 1810 Harrison Co., (W)VA.
- **IRELAND, ALEXANDER** 1772-1843, m. 1) **NANCY (?)** d. ca. 1787, m. 2) **ELIZABETH REGER** on 8 Sep. 1795.
- **JARVIS, JOSEPH** ca 1804-1829, m. 13 May 1821 **HANNAH BURKHAMMER**.
- **LOCKHARD, THOMAS** 1798-1881, m. 1) 1813 **PEGGY FLESHER**, 2) 1833 **DELILAH RADCLIFF** ca 1815-1854.

- **LOWTHER, WILLIAM** 1642-1722, m. 1) **JANE KELSO**; 2) 1679 **ISABELL LANCASTER**.  
**SIMS, REBECCA** m. **ROBERT MCCRAY**.
- 17. **David Armstrong**, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV 26241 seeks the following:
  - **ROBERT BROWN** of Freemansburg, Lewis County, WV m. **MARGARET KELSO** and had (among others) the following children of whom I do not have a complete account:
    - #4 **JAMES BROWN** b. ca 1819? m. **MARGARET** \_\_\_\_ bef. 1843.
    - #5 **MARGARET BROWN** b. ca 1820 m. 1) **WILLIAM RADCLIFF/RATLIFF** and 2) \_\_\_\_\_ **DINWAY**, ca 1851-52; Was supposed to be in Page County, MO (Iowa) in 1852.
    - #6 **PRUDENCE BROWN** b. ca 1821 m. **MOSES W. BENNETT** bef. 1843 and had children and grandchildren, but where?
    - #7 **WILLIAM L. BROWN** b. ca 1825 m. **MAHALA** \_\_\_\_\_ bef. 1843.
    - #8 **ROBERT BROWN** b. ca 1826?
    - #9 **MARY LOUISA BROWN** b. 1828 m. **WILLIAM B. RACER**, in Lewis County, WV 1849.
    - #10 **ANN BROWN** b. ca 1830?
    - #11 **NANCY BROWN** b ca 1825 m. **STEWART SLAVIA** bef. 1843.

All of these children were living as of 1843, but where did they go? Some members of the family
  - **JOHN SHEPHERD** d. in Hardy Co., WV in 1802 and left a will naming a large family. Seek information on **JOHN SHEPHERD** and children, descendants, background.
  - **GYSBERT BOGARD** d. in Hardy Co., WV in 1779 and left married daughters named **HANNAH BEST**, and **CHARITY RICH**. These girls might have lived in the Northhampton-Bucks Co., PA area or in the Sussex Co., NJ area. Does anyone have information these women?
- 18. **Mona J. Mattingly**, 486 Larkspur Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201-3148 seeks the following info:
  - Info on **JOHN FERGUSON** (appears on 1786 Monongalia Co., list of tithables and 1787 Monongalia Co. personal property tax list), f/o **FRANCES SHUTTLEWORTH** (1783-1861) who m. **NOTLEY SHUTTLEWORTH** in 1806 in Harrison Co., WV. She was orphaned early and raised by her bro-in-law, **JOHN HITE** of Monongalia Co., a cabinet maker.
  - I am looking for help with two daughter of **PHILIP SHUTTLEWORTH** of Monongalia Co. (1748-1842). 1) **CATHERINE** b. 1779, m. 1796 **GEORGE WILSON** and moved shortly thereafter, some say to Wood or Ritchie Co., WV or Marietta, OH. 2) **Drucilla**, b. 1781, m. 1804 **DAVID EWELL** and moved away. I know nothing about the husbands, nor where the families settled, but suspect they all went to the same area as, according to family legend, the daughters came together, with their children, to visit their parents. I can supply information on **PHILIP** to anyone who can help me with his daughters.
  - **PHILIP REGER** (1802-1874) m. **ELIZABETH WOLFE**, d/o **J. WOLFE**, in Lewis Co. on 4/10/1817. I would be glad to trade **REGER** information with someone who can supply some background on **PHILIP'S** wife.
- 19. Interested in corresponding with descendants of **JOEL MARTIN JR.** 1778-1864, and wife **CATHERINE SIMMONS** ca 1777-1838 who were m. ca 1796 (where?) and lived in Harrison/Lewis counties in WV until ca 1831 when they migrated to Cass Co., IN. They were the parents of 10 children.
 

Seek parentage for the above **CATHERINE SIMMONS**. Was she related to **LEONARD** or **JACOB SIMMONS** who appear in Harrison Co., WV shortly after 1800? Was there kinship to the **REGER** family?

Does anyone have the full Family Bible record, once in existence somewhere, of the **JOEL MARTIN** family? Contact: **Gary E. Young**, 128 S. Commerce, Centreville, MD 21617.
- 20. **Thomas H. Lewis**, 1537 Selden St., Virginia Beach, Va 23454, (804)481-5720, seeks the following:

- Info on **JUDITH HORNBECK'S** family from NY and VA. **JUDITH** m. **JACOB WESTFALL** in NY then went to Randolph Co., (W)V. They came to VA with **JACOB'S** uncle **ABEL** and his son **JOHN** and daughter **LEAH** in the Early 1740's.
- Info on **MARY WESTFALL** b. in WV, Lewis Co. 1824. She was the d/o **JOHN H. WESTFALL** b. WV 1804/06 and was the s/o **CORNELIUS WESTFALL JR.** **MARY WESTFALL** m. **ABSALOM SHIFLETT** in Lewis Co., in 1848, then moved to Randolph Co. Seeking info on all the family, also seek info on **MARY'S** father's family. **JOHN H. WESTFALL** b. 1804/06 in Lewis Co., d. May 1, 1870 in Upshur Co. Seeking info on both **LYDIA SMITH** and **ELIZABETH ALLMAN'S** families- both were wives of **JOHN H. WESTFALL**.
- Info on **CORNELIUS WESTFALL JR.**'s family or his wife's families: **ELIZABETH HELMICK** m. in VA 1796. Seeking info from NY or WV.
- Info or lineage on any **SHIFLETT** family or any spelling of this last name in WV. I'm particularly interested in **WILLIAM SHIFLETT** or **ABSALOM SHIFLETT**, his son. **ABSALOM** b. 1824, m. in Lewis Co., **MARY WESTFALL** 1848, d/o **JOHN H. WESTFALL**. They moved to the Mill Creek area and Huttonsville area of Randolph Co. **ABSALOM** owned land on the south end of Rich Mt., Randolph Co., (W)V.

21. **GEORGE YOKUM** was b. October 4, 1804 and d. May 14, 1883 probably in what is now Pendleton Co., WV. He m. on Dec.1, 1836, **CHRISTINA MOUSE**. She was b. Mar. 15, 1818, and d. Mar. 12, 1903. Their dau. **ANN JEMIMA FRANCES YOKUM** b. Apr. 5, 1853, d. Mar. 25, 1919, m. in 1878 **JESSE FRANKLIN STUMP**. Is **ANN JEMIMA FRANCES (YOKUM) STUMP** the correct name? One source says **GEORGE YOKUM** and **CHRISTIANA (MOUSE) YOKUM** had a son named **GEORGE WASHINGTON YOKUM** b. 1846 who m. **MAGDALENE HERMAN**, and that **FRANCES (YOKUM) STUMP** is the d/o **GEORGE WASHINGTON YOKUM** and **MAGDALENE (HERMAN) YOKUM**. Whose dau. is she? This same source calls **CHRISTINA MOUSE** by the name **CHRISTINA SLAGLE MOUSE**. There is a will in Hampshire Co., (W)V dated 1782, in which **CONRAD SLAGEL** left his daughter **CHRISTINA** to the care of **JOHN YOAKUM**. Is there a connection here?

- The parents of **GEORGE YOKUM** 1804-1883 are **MICHAEL HARNESS YOAKUM** 1771-1854 and **ELIZABETH "BETSY" (STUMP) YOAKUM** b. 1774. Who are the parents of **MICHAEL HARNESS**. Various sources give his father as **JAMES STUMP** or **LEONARD STUMP** and his mother as **ELIZABETH SEE** or **CATHERINE SEE**. Contact: **Frances L. Van Scoy**, 782 Meadowbrook Rd., Morgantown, WV 26505 or E-mail: [vanscoy@cs.wvu.edu](mailto:vanscoy@cs.wvu.edu).

22. Seeking parents and other information about **JAMES GRIM** and **ELIZABETH RADABAUGH GRIM** b. ca 1797; m. ca 1822, possibly in Pendleton Co. They had four children: **ALEXANDER** b. 1823 Pendleton Co.; **EDWARD** b. ca 1829; **HANNAH** b. ca 1835; **MARY** b. ca 1839. A **JAMES GRIM** witnessed the will of **JOSEPH OSBORNE** to his second wife, **MARY GRIM BRIGHT** and recorded in Harrison Co. WV Bk:6, pg 38 on 8 June 1845. **ELIZABETH GRIM** listed as head of household in 1850 Harrison Co. Census, Dist. 22 and then listed in subsequent Harrison Co., census records thru 1880, residing with family of **ANDREW** and **MARY J. LIGHT** (her daughter).

**ALEXANDER GRIM** and wife, **AMANDA LANHAM** are written up in Comstocks, W.VA Heritage, Upshur Co., with their children and **ALEXANDER** as the Postmaster, Grim's Store. "The Virginia Genealogist" lists Grim's store as Post Office from 1868-78, when the name was changed to Queens, 1878-1963. **EDWARD GRIM** could possibly be the father of **DR. WILSON OSBORN GRIM** listed in Cutright's, History of Upshur Co.. Contact: **F. Arnold Grim**, 2643 Caminito Carino, LaJolla, Ca 92037.



23. Seeking information on the family of **HENRY** and **ELIZABETH (TYRAND) HAMILTON**. **HENRY** was born about 1760 in either Scotland or Northern Ireland. He married **ELIZABETH TYRAND** in VA (when)?? The couple moved from Winchester area to Monongalia County, (W)VA. Know children are **ARCHIBALD, JAMES, STEPHEN**, and **HENRY**. **HENRY** and **ELIZABETH** are my 4th great-grandparents through their son, **JAMES HAMILTON (1783-1854)** and **CLARISSA FLEMING**, daughter of **BOAZ** and **ELIZABETH (HUTCHINSON) FLEMING**. Also seeking info on **ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON**. Who were her parents and where were they from? Contact: **Charlotte Fleming**, 8521 E. Shiloh St., Tucson, AZ 85710.





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